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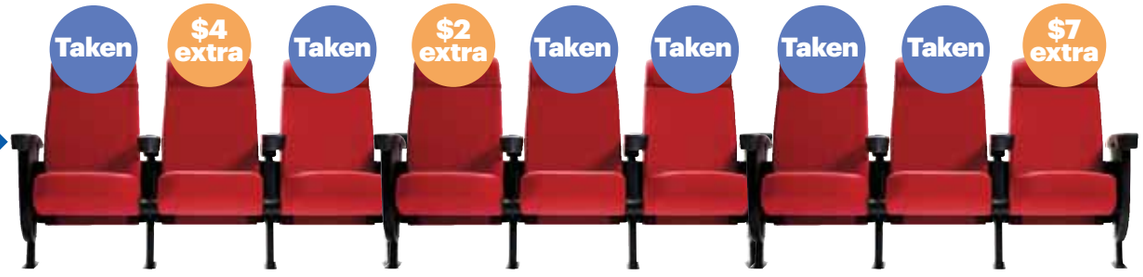

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Calgary Stampeders' Brandon Smith tries to stop Edmonton's Adarius Bowman from scoring a touchdown at the West Division final in Edmonton Sunday.

ENVIRONMENT

Carbon tax for Alberta

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Albertans will pay a carbon tax on home-heating fuels, electricity and gasoline, as the province moves to become a leader on climate change.

Premier Rachel Notley said that along with closing the province's coal plants and putting a limit on carbon emissions from oilsands, this approach shows the government is serious about dealing with climate change.

"We're going to do our part to address one of the world's greatest problems," she said.

In 2017, the plan will implement a $20-a-tonne carbon levy, rising to $30 a tonne in 2018. For the average household the province believes that will add $320 to their budget in 2017 and $470 in 2018, rising over time until 2030 when the average household will pay $900 a year.

The government is promising to ease the burden with rebates and a program to help Albertans increase their energy efficiency.

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Migrants clash with police near Greece-Macedonia border. **World**

Social media block watch

PUBLIC SAFETY

Neighbours share video, photos to keep area secure

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Todd Wallace had the idea to send out group texts as a means to deter criminals and car prowlers away from their community.
HELEN PIKE/METRO

The community of Coventry Hills is fed up with the car prowling, vehicle thefts, petty crimes and the hooligans perpetrating the crimes, so they've decided to do something about it.

Neighbours of Coventry Hills have decided to bring back the old tradition of block watch, but this time with a modern twist — using a Facebook group and group text messages.

Todd Wallace, who has lived in Coventry Hills for nearly a decade, said the Facebook group began in the summer, and the group text message idea just occurred to him recently.

"We often will hear noises or see something out our windows and it occurred to me that having many eyes on the street is great and if we take that to the next level by sending out a group text when we see something it could really help," he said.

He said if they see something out of the ordinary the text would trigger a group reaction.

"If you send a group text to all your neighbours and say, 'Hey there is someone trying to break into cars, anyone who can get outside get outside,' it would be a huge deterrent for the thieves to have six or seven people on the street and encourage them to leave or get them in a position where we can call the police and get them arrested."

Acting Sgt. Andrew Critchley said Calgary police support any kind of responsible community engagement.

"We've got no objections as long as it's done in a responsible manner," he said. "Communities play an important role in both crime reduction and prevention."

Critchley said studies have shown a reduction in crime in engaged communities.

> **We've got no objections as long as it's done in a responsible manner. Communities play an important role in crime reduction.**
> CPS Sgt. Andrew Critchley

"Crime is generally reduced where there is a lot of community activity and community engagement, so we would support that," he said.

The people of Coventry Hills have also started posting security camera footage showing car prowlers, sharing photos and descriptions.

One member of the group even put a cheeky sign in his vehicle that read: "You don't want what's in this truck … trust me. Also, in the time it's taken you to read this note, your image has been captured on camera, notified my phone, and I'm on line with 911 as we speak."

Critchley said although CPS doesn't run a block watch program, they do have the HUB program which all Calgarians can input their name, e-mail and community they wish to receive updates about.

"Hit subscribe and the crime prevention team will curate the information and push it out through the hub so you receive up to date information about activities and crimes reported in your community," he said.

POLITICS

Tories apologize to Martin

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The Progressive Conservatives are apologizing to a former candidate for the party's nomination in Edmonton–Decore for unfairly disqualifying him from the race.

Don Martin attempted to run for the party in the north-side riding, but was disqualified after he was accused of meddling in another riding's nomination race.

In a letter to the party's members, former president and transition co-chair Bill Smith said they reviewed the issue and "came to believe a significant misunderstanding occurred."

Smith said the party would welcome Martin back as a member and as a candidate in future.

"The 2015 transition committee absolves Don Martin and believes there was no willful wrongdoing on his part."

Martin had sued the party for $124,000 over the disqualification, but said it is ended.

"At the end of the day I don't want to eat a bunch of volunteer's money," he said.

He said he believes the party had some serious problems with the nomination process that he hopes will now be addressed.

"The people who are moving forward with the party have learned some valuable lessons in how they govern the party," he said. "The PC party has started to come to grips with the fact that they lost some control over certain people and functions within the party."

REFUGEES

Students could prompt budget changes

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Education Minister David Eggen said he is prepared to adjust the English Language Learner budget as more refugee students from Syrian backgrounds join the Alberta education system.

The federal government has pledged to bring 25,000 refugees into the country by the end of the year — an estimated 3,000 will be coming to Alberta. ELL programs in the province have seen reductions in the past few years, including a 3.1 per cent decrease in the March budget.

"Our restoration of funding helped to restore funding for ELL specifically. I will look to make further adjustments on the ELL budget," said Eggen.

"It's very important because if you are including students with special needs into your classrooms, then you need those supports there.

Otherwise you're compromising those kids education and also the other kids too."

It's not only ELL programs Eggen will be reviewing the funding for — normally Alberta's education boards submit final enrolment numbers by the end of November for per student funding.

Eggen said in extraordinary circumstances such as this, he'll have to take another look at the numbers as they could change a significant amount after the November numbers are submitted. Eggen added that it's still unknown how many refugee students the province will receive.

"Edmonton and Calgary will certainly be taking a lot of students and families, but those two cities are also best equipped to provide those special services," Eggen said.

Still, the CBE has told Metro that many of their schools do have space for additional students and not all of their schools are at capacity.

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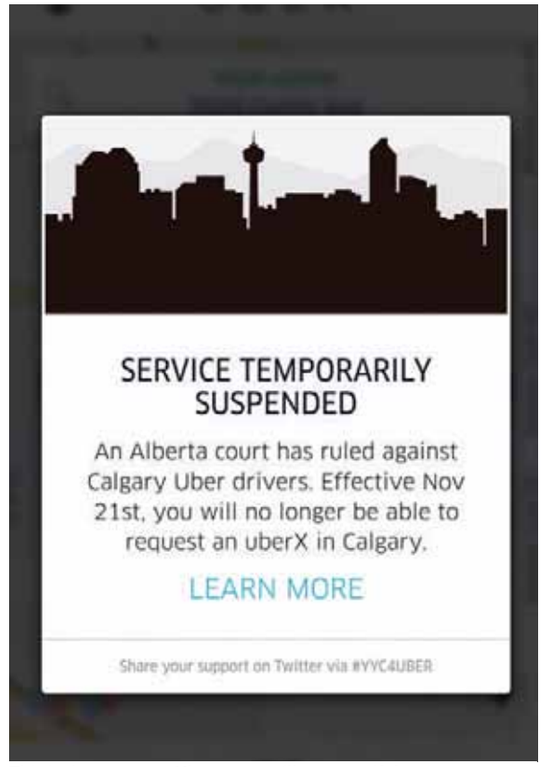
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RIDE SHARING

Taxi drivers pleased with temporary injunction

Krista Sylvester
For Metro | Calgary

At least one local cab company says it's still too early to tell just how much business Uber took from Calgary cabbies over the past month, but that the ride-sharing service definitely dipped into their pockets.

While Calgary Associated Cab president Roger Richard is applauding a temporary injunction to prohibit Uber ride-share drivers from operating in Calgary at least until a Dec. 17 hearing, he said the controversial app has caused drivers strife in what is already challenging economic times in the city.

"They've operated for almost a month and there's no doubt that every trip they took is a taxi trip. Whatever trip Uber drivers took was a taxi trip and it affects the drivers," Richard said. "Let's face it, with the economy today it doesn't help and we have a lot of capacity and everybody is suffering with this economy as it is. Let's not forget we have 3,500 families in the taxi industry that rely on this industry to look after their family."

Like many in the taxi industry, Richard has been outspoken against the ride sharing app and he hopes judges in other cities follow Calgary's lead and prohibit the company from operating until they "follow the same rules."

> **"We're not afraid of competition, we just want a level playing field."**
> Jatinder Cheema

"Uber is a taxi in disguise and if they want to be a taxi they have to follow the same rules taxis do. They seem to think they're above the law," Richard adds.

Checker Yellow Cab driver Jatinder Cheema is also happy with last week's decision against Uber because he relies on earning an income in the taxi industry.

"We're not afraid of competition; we just want a level playing field," Cheema said.

Councillors get territorial

MUNICIPALITIES

War of wards on the table as politicians see proposed map

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

City council will get a look at what the wards could look like in the 2017 municipal election on Monday, and there are a few big changes planned under the current proposal.

The northeast and east sections of the city would see some of the biggest changes, with the current Ward 3 being divided almost in half by the Deerfoot Trail. Most of the eastern half will become the new Ward 5.

Most of what is now Ward 5 would become the new Ward 10, and most of what is now Ward 10 would be swallowed by Ward 9.

Ward 10 Coun. Andre Chabot said he's unhappy with the proposal because it would once again force him to run against a sitting councillor, as he has in past elections.

He also feels the Ward Boundary Commission has failed to make accurate projections about population growth for coming years in his current area, considering the recent annexation of communities close to Chestermere.

"It almost assumes there will be zero growth," he said.

Chabot said he had floated the idea for adding more wards in the past. He feels there is a limit on how many citizens a councillor can effectively represent. "A lot of people want to speak directly to their councillors. Having the expectation you're going to effectively represent 100,000 people — I think it's not realistic."

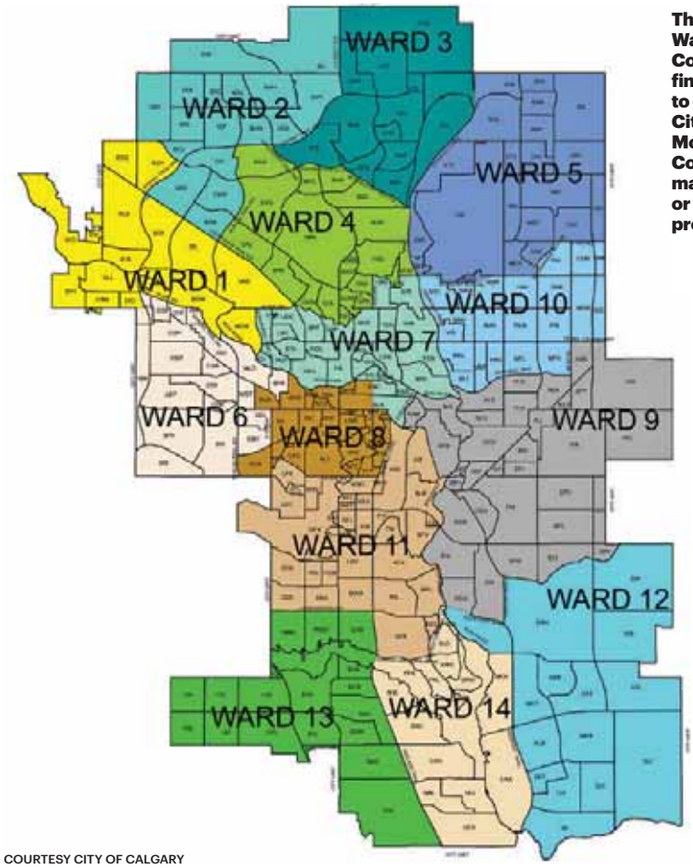
> **I think it's not realistic.**
> Coun. Andre Chabot

The current proposal has wards ranging from 67,000 citizens in Ward 12 to 103,000 in Ward 4. Wards 10 and 11 also have 100,000 people.

Ward 5 Coun. Ray Jones said he would have preferred to see two more wards added to the map to lighten the load on councillors and allow for better representation.

Given the current scenario, Jones said he will run in Ward 10 in 2017 since it is basically his current ward, with the addition of Marlborough and a few other communities.

Ward 3 Coun. Jim Stevenson said he's glad to see his ward divided into the new wards 3 and 5 under the current proposal. He hasn't decided which of the two he will run in, come 2017.



This is the Ward Boundary Commission's final proposal, to go to Calgary City Council Monday. Councillors may yet tweak or reject the proposal.

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HALIFAX

Calgarian sets sights on the great outdoors

Krista Sylvester
For Metro | Calgary

Whoever said camping was a summer activity obviously hasn't met Carmen Braun.

Born and raised in Calgary, Braun has been studying oceanography in Halifax since 2011 — but that's not all the avid outdoorswoman is doing out east; she's also in the midst of spending 100 nights camping outside over a 365-day period.

Inspired by another Canadian who recently spent 31 days outside over the summer, Braun and her camping partner Alex Tamo said they are all too willing to suffer through any elements just to be outside.

"It's so easy to say, 'I don't have time', or 'the weather is not perfect', or any multitude of other excuses," Braun said.

Carmen Braun is aiming to spend 100 nights camping in a tent before the year's end. CONTRIBUTED

"But this project has already shown me just how easy it can be to just go sleep in a tent somewhere beautiful."

For his part, Tamo is equally excited as both met as part of the Dalhousie Outdoors Society and have already completed a variety of trips together.

"Innumerable places are calling for me to go adventuring," he said.

While most of the nights will be ticked off camping together, some of their nights wont be; however Braun said they will face the challenge whether it includes rain, snow or shine, and she believes they have what it takes to succeed the lofty goal.

Braun's experience camping started with her parents when she was just six months old, which hopefully has prepared her for the likely cold weather challenge. In fact, Braun prefers winter camping and has experience with nights as cold as -27 C.

"It always comes down to layers; I wear lots of wool. Having a windproof layer really helps as well," she said. "Of course, when it's wet, staying dry is key - rain jacket and pants, plus a rain cover for my pack, and then lots of extra wool socks. And having a good sleeping bag will go a long way."

Most of Braun's camping will be in Nova Scotia, but some will be done in Alberta and B.C. over the holidays.

Braun's blog can be found online by visiting 100nightscamping.weebly.com/about.html.

> **This project has already shown me just how easy it can be to just go sleep in a tent somewhere beautiful.**
> Carmen Braun

IN BRIEF

Car crashes into storefront

A driver who crashed into a building along 16th Avenue in the city's northwest was left with minor injuries early Sunday morning.

At 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 22, police responded to reports of a vehicle colliding into a storefront at the intersection of 16th Avenue and 7th Street N.W.

The cause of the crash has yet to be determined.

METRO

Boy killed in farm accident

A 10-year-old boy was killed Saturday in a farming accident near Killam.

RCMP were called to the scene at around 11 a.m. Sunday after a forklift the boy was driving became unstable and tipped over.

The RCMP is investigating the incident and say initial reports are that the boy was driving the vehicle on a gravel road and lost control. Witnesses nearby provided first aid.

RCMP said the family has told them the boy has operated the machine in the past and is familiar with its operation.

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Documentary gets to the human 'core'

FILM

Director asks 20 questions that inspire deep answers

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Filmmaker Drew McGrath's 20 Questions premiered at the Plaza Theatre in Kensington on Sunday. McGrath plans to show it at future film festivals. JEREMY SIMES/METRO

Though people come in all walks of life, it seems everyone holds their families closest to their hearts.

That's according to Drew McGrath, a local filmmaker whose latest documentary, 20 Questions, asks 29 people simple, yet sometimes tough questions about the world and their lives.

"It's changed me," McGrath said, as tears welled in his eyes. "To spend these one-on-one conversations with strangers and talk so frankly has been amazing. It's opened up my mind."

His questions included: Do you believe in God? Where do you expect you'll go from here? Did your parents hug you as a child? And, if you could change one thing in your life, what would it be?

He said he was inspired to make the documentary based on the many questions he still has about life.

"There's a point where I'm still asking the same questions I had about 15 years ago," he said. "Questions like, 'Where am I headed in life? And, 'Do I believe in god?'

"They are very core questions; the important questions."

Participants didn't have much time to look over the questions, he said, adding he wanted them to be as frank as possible.

"I didn't want people to come up with something too fabricated," he said. "There were a lot of tears and a lot of funny moments."

Everyone's answers seemed to vary, except for one question: what's most important to you?

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CULTURE

Temporary display turns construction barrier into art

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

They turned the drabness of construction into a unique community art project.

As the construction of the new Mount Pleasant Fire Station 7 kicked off Saturday, the North Mount Pleasant Arts Centre and community members gathered to unveil a community art project aimed at “adding a unique visual element to the construction site.”

The project, called ‘Many Hands Makes Artwork,’ is a temporary installation on the construction fencing along 4th Street NW that will be up during the tear-down of the existing fire station through to the construction of the new station.

Calgary artists Sandra Civitarese, Lisa Tornack and Heather Urness developed the concept for ‘Many Hands Makes Artwork,’ which now takes up more than 100 feet of fencing.

The artists used recycled CDs, DVDs and plastics they collected or were given as donations by the city.

“They make a great vehicle for putting artwork on,” said Urness.

Construction on the new fire station will begin before year’s end, and it’s anticipated that it will be completed by the end of 2017. Fire crews will work out of a temporary station on Edmonton Trail until then.

Many Hands Make Art, a temporary display, has been erected on the fencing surrounding the new Mount Pleasant fire station construction site. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

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SECURITY

Calgary-bound plane second to face threats

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Halifax’s airport garnered international attention this past week as three flights were either diverted or delayed due to bomb threats.

On Sunday, RCMP in Halifax responded to two separate security threats that came in less than 12 hours apart at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

“Anytime a flight is diverted to Halifax International Airport or is delayed due to a threat, it’s obviously very concerning,” RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tammy Lobb said Sunday.

One of the flights was a Turkish Airlines A330 passenger jet travelling from New York to Istanbul, Turkey and carrying 256 passengers and crew.

Once a bomb threat was received, police said the aircraft was rerouted to Halifax and landed at 12:53 a.m. so that it could be searched by RCMP.

After searching the aircraft, RCMP found no explosives and turned the plane back over to Turkish Airlines around 4:30 a.m.

Around three hours later, police said they received a second call about a bomb threat.

This time, the threat had been issued against WestJet flight 229, bound for Calgary.

Again, RCMP officers — along with bomb-sniffing dogs and members of the explosives disposal unit — searched the aircraft, luggage and cargo, after the plane’s 96 passengers and six crew members had been evacuated.

The search concluded around 9 a.m. with similar results: no explosive found. The aircraft was released to WestJet.

“The details pertaining to the threat against WestJet flight 229 bound for Calgary won’t be released, as doing so could jeopardize the investigation,” Lobb said Sunday.

“However, I can confirm that the threat is not related to the threat made against (the) Turkish Airlines flight.”

The vice-president of corporate communications at Halifax Stanfield International Airport called the incident an “irritant,” but said the diversion of a Turkish Airlines flight that happened earlier Sunday morning, and an Air France flight that was rerouted to Halifax last week, were more coincidental given the airport’s location.

NOVA SCOTIA

Bomb threat came from within Nova Scotia: Police

Halifax police say the bomb threat made against the flight bound for Calgary came from inside Nova Scotia.

“We can confirm that the threat was received from within Nova Scotia,” RCMP spokeswoman Const. Tammy Lobb said later Sunday.

“Anymore specific details aren’t being released at this time.”

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Const. Tammy Lobb, RCMP spokeswoman

Michael Beaudin, John Lee and Kirk Handy are behind a new gay bar opening in the city.
JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

Not just 'another gay bar': Owner

NIGHTLIFE

Some say new gay clubs are no longer needed in city

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Calgary's newest gay-oriented restaurant and nightclub is holding up to its name, according to the owners of Backwards Night Club.

What's going to make Backwards Night Club, well, backwards?

The dance floor will be at the front and the bar near the back, unlike your typical nightclub, said co-owner Kirk Handy, who's been looking to open a space for 15 years.

But there'll also be a level of customer service you may not get at other clubs, he added.

"We want to do proper wine service and we want you to be able to order a steak sandwich at 2 a.m.," Handy said. "And that is backwards to what everyone else is doing."

Though the owners intend to be different compared to other venues in the city, some in the LGBTQ community don't think there's a need for another gay bar.

"(It'd) be great to have lots more businesses of sorts — including cafes, restaurants, etc. — that are prominently LGBTQ positive," said Dave Richards, who been part of the scene since the early '90s.

"There's no need in my mind for a gay bar these days — we go everywhere."

However, Backwards co-owner Michael Beaudin said he knows there's a crowd looking for what the club is offering — it wont be just "another gay bar."

"(Patrons) are not just looking for a place to go out — they're looking for quality," Handy said.

Beaudin said he wants to provide a space for LGBTQ people to feel comfortable.

"Ultimately we're open to the whole establishment," he said. "But we want to make it so that someone can go, 'Hey this is my husband,' and enjoy themselves without feeling all these eyes staring at them."

Handy added, "But let's face it, gays have great parties — they got great music and great entertainment."

Backwards will be well lit, and feature red oak hardwood floors and warm coloured venetian-plastered walls, Handy said, adding the DJ booth will be elevated, if the city allows for it.

Backwards hopes to have the entire space open for a big New Year's bash, and will likely have the main floor open and ready for mid-December.

The club will be open for lunch and happy hour, and parties will be take place on weekends. It'll be located at 628 8 Ave. SW.

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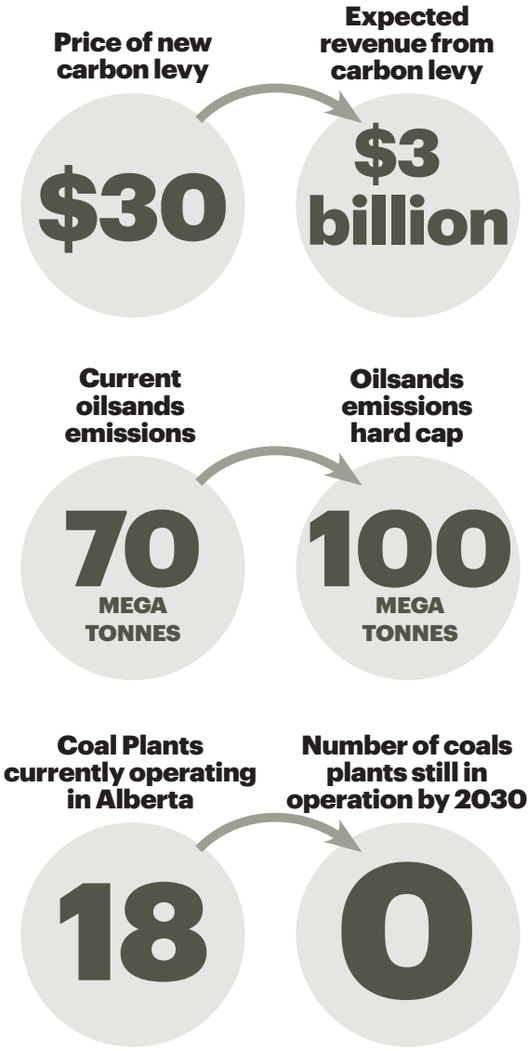
New climate plan finds unlikely allies



CLIMATE CHANGE

Environmental groups, oil businesses applaud plan

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Environmental groups and oilsands companies came together Sunday to applaud the NDP government's climate change plan.

Premier Rachel Notley unveiled the plan Sunday with a new carbon tax, a hard cap on oilsands emissions, a phase out of the province's coal plants and plans for renewable energy.

"We have struck a very pragmatic but meaningful balance that still gets us to a very aggressive plan going forward, unlike anything we have ever done in this province," she said.

Brian Ferguson, president and CEO of Cenovus Energy, was joined by other industry heavyweights applauding the plan. He said it would help the industry's international image.

"It provides the incentives to continue to focus on technology, innovation and other techniques to reduce the intensity of our emissions," he said.

The plan includes a 100-megatonne limit on CO_2 emissions, up slightly from the 70 megatonnes the industry is producing. Ferguson said on current projections the industry would hit that limit sometime between 2020 and 2030, but it could avoid it completely as technology improves.

"I don't forsee this in any way limiting any of the projects," he said.

Ed Whittingham, executive director of the Pembina Institute, said the emission cap and phase out of coal are major steps that would get the world's attention.

"That's bold. That's ambitious and I think people outside of the province are going to look at this and see this," he said.

He said the province would be sending a clear message that it was taking climate change seriously.

"Without question, this plan shows that Alberta is doing its fair share."

Notley said many decisions that go into pipeline projects, but the argument for Alberta's oil will be stronger in future.

"I will be able to make that case now from a platform where we have introduced a very credible climate change plan."

Premier Rachel Notley and Environment Minister Shannon Phillips discuss the province's climate change plan with reporters following Sunday's announcement. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO NEWS

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark: "It's a step into the next economy without abandoning the current economy ... I hope they take this plan and unapologetically promote Alberta. We need those pipelines built. We need market access."

Wildrose Party Leader Brian Jean: "This new carbon tax will make almost every single Alberta family poorer, while accelerated plans to shut down coal plants will lead to higher power prices and further jobs losses."

Liberal Party Leader David Swann: "In the years to come there needs to be close monitoring and regular updates regarding our progress on meeting these ambitious plans and ensure that we support individuals and families that are adversely impacted in the short term."

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Luis Aguilar landed a bank-teller job with ATB Financial through the Calgary Connector Program. He was a co-ordinator with a popular Latin American bank before moving to Calgary. JENNIFER FRIESEN / METRO CALGARY

Connecting people with jobs

EMPLOYMENT

Whether one is a newcomer or up-and-comer, program helps

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

New to Calgary, Luis Aguilar had hit a dead end when looking for a job.

He had the skills but, in a city known for its competitive corporate culture, he quickly learned it's worth knowing a few people in the business to get a foot in the door.

But where to start?

The answer: Calgary Economic Development's (CED) Calgary Connector Program, he said.

In the seven months since it launched, the program has helped pave the way for 15 immigrant professionals, indigenous post-secondary graduates, other post secondary graduates and international students to land a job in the city, according to Jeanette Sutherland, manager of workforce and productivity with CED.

The program connects job seekers — or connectees — with those in the business world (connectors) to grow their professional network.

The two meet for a one-hour session to discuss information related to industry, trends and opportunities.

After the discussion, the connector then introduces the connectee to three others in their personal network, who can turn out to be potential employers.

Since launching, CED has seen more than 100 business leaders sign up, and more than 118 connections made, which has helped 54 immigrant professionals in the city.

Before he moved to Calgary for better opportunities, Aguilar was a regional co-ordinator for a Latin American bank, which closed its office in Panama due to the poor economic climate.

"It was a little hard to find a job when I moved here," said Aguilar, who's been pursuing his masters degree in financial management at the University of Alberta's Calgary campus.

> **"It's not just using someone to get in, but I found I developed really good relationships with people.**
>
> Luis Aguilar,
> Participant in the Calgary Connector Program

"As a newcomer, I didn't have any contacts or information. That was the hardest part."

Sutherland confirms that, adding immigrant professionals and those fresh out of university have told her it's hard to get a job because their professional network is lacking.

Aguilar said he connected with four managers with ATB Financial, who later told him to apply on the company's website, so he did.

After three interviews, he landed a bank-teller job. He's been training for seven weeks and will start Monday, full-time.

"Networking is so important," he said.

"It's not just using someone to get in, but I found I developed really good relationships with people."

GOOD WORKS

Blanket drive launched

Krista Sylvester
For Metro | Calgary

One local woman has made it her mission to help warm hearts by warming bodies.

She says it's all about people clothing people, people loving people and people caring for people.

Calgary's Dixie-Rae Lee Sutherland is holding a blanket drive this month with a goal of 1,000 blankets to help keep the homeless warm this winter — but her initiative doesn't stop there.

Sutherland spearheaded the group Spud Buds nine years ago to help feed and clothe the homeless, and it has grown into a year-round initiative.

"Our group heads out every month — rain, snow or shine — and we feed those who are hungry. We serve a fully loaded baked potato along with a cup of hot cocoa or coffee. We also hand out warm jackets, socks, blankets, clothing and of course even just a smile or a hug," she says.

Sutherland has seen firsthand how the kindness of strangers can help, as she suffered a tough childhood growing up, spurring her to create Spud Buds to pay it forward.

"If people didn't open their hearts and hands to us when I was a child, we would have gone hungry and felt very alone. Kindness is free and it can change the life of others. I'm just so proud of what we have created and how many thousands of people we have cared for."

Anyone with donations of new or gently used blankets can contact Spud Buds via email dixierae.wilson@icloud.com or by phone at 403-399-3523.

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CHARITY

Group to make sandwiches for needy as long as funds last

A group of young Calgarians is serving up sandwiches to the homeless each Sunday at the Uptown Bottle Depot.

Bre Banks said she and another friend started the initiative they call Sunday Sandwiches just over a month ago.

"We launched a GoFundMe," said Banks. "We still have funds available. As long as the money is there, we'll keep doing it."

She and other volunteers start by purchasing the goods they need on Sunday morning. They get together to make and bag the goods, then hand them out at the Uptown Bottle Depot on 10th Avenue S.W. This Sunday they had muffins and coffee to hand out as well.

She said that when they started out, they were travelling around, handing out sandwiches, but they found the depot was a good place to meet the most people in need without travelling.

Ryan Hayes is one of the many volunteers who comes out.

"It's a really good opportunity to help the homeless," he said. "People seem receptive to it."

Banks said bottle-depot staff also help out. They have held onto leftover sandwiches to give out the following day.

The GoFundMe page can be found by heading to sundaysandwichesyyc.com

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Ryan Hayes, Arman Fidan and Marie Rabustillo were three of the volunteers helping out this week. BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

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FATALITY

Family misses girl's '100-watt smile'

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

The family of little Ceira Lynn McGrath who died suddenly last week said they're struggling to understand why their baby was taken from them so soon.

Police were called to the dayhome in the 100 block of Silverado Ridge Cres. S.W. on Nov. 12, after receiving a report of a child in medical distress.

Ceira Lynn, only 18 months old, was rushed to hospital, where she died shortly after. The Calgary police homicide unit is now investigating.

At an emotional celebration of life for the toddler on Saturday, her father Ryan McGrath said that although their family will get through the heartbreak, for her twin brother Colby and each other, they're still reeling from what they believe was a preventable tragedy.

"Our daughter was taken too early and unfairly from us," he said, holding back tears. "We do not have forgiveness in our hearts right now."

The Calgary Police Service said an initial autopsy of Ceira had come back inconclusive and additional tests to determine the cause of death could take several months.

McGrath remembered his daughter as a smart, energetic little girl who led her twin brother through life, always testing the waters for him unafraid.

McGrath said he never thought he and his wife Tanya Gladwell would have to deal with the pain of losing a child.

> **She was always our little angel and now she has her wings.**
> Ryan McGrath

"We keep asking ourselves when we will wake up from this insanely long bad dream," he said.

Ceira's family remembered her as a fashionista, with a "100-watt smile," who's favourite colour was pink and who sneakily traded food with her twin so they each had what they wanted most.

Les McGrath, Ceira and Colby's grandfather, spent a few moments imagining the things his granddaughter would have done in her life.

"I imagine she would have been a soccer player like me," he said. "Pink cleats are all the rage now, anyway.

"We never imagined that these things would have been impossible, but now they are," he added.

Family comfort each other after the celebration. Ceira's twin brother Colby is present. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

From left, Nunavut Premier Peter Taptuna, Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Prince Edward Island Premier Wade MacLauchlan, British Columbia Premier Christy Clark, Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Paul Davis, Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, New Brunswick Premier Brian Gallant, Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and Northwest Territories Premier Bob McLeod pose for a group photo on Signal Hill overlooking the harbour at the summer meeting of Canada's premiers in St. John's in July. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Premiers meet to talk climate change

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the premiers sit down in Ottawa on Monday to discuss climate change, it will be the first full-blown meeting of Canada's first ministers since 2009.

But while the premiers of the two largest provinces said they welcome federal re-engagement, they also warned the new government not to disregard the provinces' progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"There's always a tendency for governments that come into office to tend to think that nothing meaningful happened before they came into office," Quebec premier Philippe Couillard told a panel discussion at the Canada 2020 policy conference in Ottawa.

"We are very happy that we're going to be working with the federal government, but let's resist the temptation of starting from scratch."

Quebec has established a cap-and-trade system with California in order to reduce emissions, and has its own green fund. Ontario is working to join the cap-and-trade system, and scrapped coal-fired power plants.

Couillard's co-panellist, Ontario premier Kathleen Wynne, called Monday's meeting "very important" but also made the point that some provinces have established initiatives that shouldn't be disregarded.

"We're not looking to the federal government for some kind of unilateral imposition of a particular standardized regime across the country. What we're looking for is support for the initiatives we're taking."

Couillard also said Canada needs a "rebranding" in Paris.

"Yes, we are a major oil-producing country, but we are also one of the most important producers of renewable energy in the world. This has to be part of the story," he said. "Let's start thinking of ourselves as a competitor to Norway, rather than Saudi Arabia."

Couillard and Wynne's comments were preceded by a speech from Environment Minister Catherine McKenna saying Canada can be a leader on the world stage carbon reduction and clean energy, but that it wouldn't be easy.

POLL

According to a new Angus Reid poll, 57 per cent of Canadians believe the leaders will come up with a plan to reduce emissions in Canada. However, when it comes to the climate talks in Paris, respondents said they aren't confident the talks will lead to an international agreement. But seven out of 10 would still support Canada signing such an agreement.
GILBERT NGABO/METRO

STUDY

Known killers get lighter sentences than strangers

Men who kill their female partners are more likely to be criminally convicted than men accused of killing strangers — but they also tend to get lighter sentences, a Canadian study concludes.

The research, being published in the journal Current Sociology, finds that men who kill their wives, girlfriends or other female family members are handed shorter prison terms than men who kill strangers.

In fact, according to the findings, men who kill women they know are treated more leniently at most stages of the criminal-justice process, such as facing fewer charges of first-degree murder.

Study author Myrna Dawson, an associate sociology professor at the University of Guelph, calls it the "intimacy discount."

"This may mean that women killed by male partners are still seen as property and, as such, these femicides are not treated as seriously as other femicides," the study states.

Another factor at play could be that femicide of a partner or family member is typically seen as a spontaneous "crime of passion" or the result of victim provocation.

Perhaps counterintuitively, given the lighter sentences, the study found that men who kill intimate partners are convicted at rates three times higher than men who kill female strangers.
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CONFERENCE

Ottawa takes One Young World torch

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa
IN BANGKOK

It was a humid November night in Bangkok, yet all eyes were on Ottawa at the One Young World Summit.

Wearing Canadian flag bandanas and red sneakers, Ottawa Tourism representatives and Canadian youth pumped up a raucous crowd of 1,300 people from around the world.

It was the closing ceremonies of the conference for youth leaders aged 18 to 30 that has attracted speakers like Jamie Oliver and Bill Clinton in the past. Ottawa is hosting the event next year at the Shaw Centre.

"Ottawa is proud to be the first Canadian city to host One Young World," Mayor Jim Watson told the crowd, after Bangkok Gov. Sukhumbhand Paribatra officially handed over the baton.

Thailand's capital was plastered with promotional light blue One Young World posters this week. Ottawa can expect similar pageantry and an influx of 1,300 youth in the city next year.

It seems like many delegates are keen to head to the chillier capital for next year's event Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. At a panel for urban innovation on Friday, the crowd cheered when the mayor asked if they would come to Ottawa.

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Woman refuses to quit on dreams of 'gifted boy'

ASPIRING TEACHER

Visa denied to study English in Vancouver for one month

A Canadian woman refuses to give up on an aspiring English teacher from Africa who believes he can be the agent for change if given the opportunity to study in Vancouver.

But along the way, Heather Loa's attempts to bring Pa Jerreh Jaiteh to Canada have been beset by roadblocks.

Jaiteh, 27, is from a Sibanor Village in the west coast region of Gambia but works as a curriculum developer at a Hargeisa, Somaliland, language school.

He earns $500 a month and sends back his savings to support his parents, four brothers and two sisters back home.

He yearns to return to Gambia, where he envisions teaching English to children and helping lift the prospects for young Gambians in rural communities.

"It is hard for us to discover our talent in Africa," explains Jaiteh during an interview over Skype. "When I started teaching, I discovered that talent and decided 'this is good.' This could be my career."

It was through teaching at Islamic Online University's Hargeisa campus that Jaiteh met Loa, a retired teacher invited there to help guide the school's curriculum.

After working beside him for several months, Loa — who has extensive history sponsoring international students since 1995 — decided the best way to help Jaiteh fulfill his aspirations was to enroll him in a month-long, intensive language program among native English speakers in Vancouver.

Knowing he wouldn't afford such a trip on his own, Loa offered to cover Jaiteh's expenses and sponsor him in Canada.

"If I can bring him here for one month, it would give him a career in the Gambia and it would change his life," Loa believes. "I've had students from Brazil, Mexico, Vietnam, Sudan, Belize. All have come with the same purpose and I felt strongly that PJ should have that opportunity. He's a gifted boy."

As she had numerous times before, Loa helped Jaiteh apply for a temporary resident visa on April 22.

She was astonished his visa was denied April 27, just two business days later.

Undeterred, Loa and Jaiteh tried again, this time diligently addressing CIC's stated concerns point by point.

To show that Jaiteh would return home, Loa booked Jaiteh's return flight and had his family sign testimonials proving his family ties to Gambia.

Having been previously approved to attend Vancouver English Centre, a private language school, Loa placed Jaiteh in a specific course and paid his tuition fees.

Jaiteh was denied again June 4.

The setbacks have already cost pensioner Loa thousands of dollars but she's not ready to give up.

"This is Canada. We should be welcoming and accepting of people who want to learn here," she said. "I really feel that. I can't just say, 'Too bad. You can't come.' PJ is a brilliant teacher."

Pa Jerreh Jaiteh, a Gambian currently teaching English in Somaliland, is trying to attend courses at a Vancouver language school with the help of retired Vancouver teacher Heather Loa, below. MUSTAFA SAEED/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Feds won't help Air Canada pick up $100-million tab

The federal government has rebuffed Air Canada's plea to be compensated for a portion of the more than $100 million the airline says it has spent over the last five years to accommodate gun-toting sky marshals on its flights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Halifax airport dealing with more bomb threats

Halifax's airport garnered international attention this past week as three flights were either diverted or delayed due to bomb threats. On Sunday, RCMP in Halifax responded to two separate security threats that came in less than 12 hours apart at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. One was a Turkish Airlines A330 passenger jet travelling from New York to Istanbul, Turkey carrying 256 passengers and crew. Around three hours later, police said they received a second call about a bomb threat; this time made against WestJet flight 229 bound for Calgary. Both searches concluded with no explosives found. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

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Airstrikes pushing Syrian troops ahead

RUSSIA

Attacks on ISIL helping almost on every front: Bashar Assad

Syrian President Bashar Assad says his forces are advancing on "almost" all fronts thanks to Russian airstrikes that began nearly two months ago and have tipped the balance in his favour in some parts of the country.

In remarks published Sunday, Assad told China's Phoenix Television that the Russians depend on Syrian ground forces and "co-operate with us." He added that Syrian troops had achieved victories in some areas before the strikes began but "could not be present everywhere in Syria."

Russia, which has conducted an air campaign in Syria since Sept. 30, sharply raised its intensity in recent days on President Vladimir Putin's orders after Moscow said it had confirmed that a bomb brought down a Russian plane over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 people on board.

"Following the participation of Russian air force in fighting terrorism, the situation improved well. I can say that the army now is advancing almost on every front," Assad said in the interview. Assad said the Russian airstrikes are more effective than those of the U.S.-led coalition because Moscow is co-ordinating with his government, saying "you cannot fight terrorism with airstrikes alone."

A peace plan agreed to last weekend by 17 nations meeting in Vienna says nothing about Assad's future, but states that "free and fair elections would be held pursuant to the new constitution within 18 months."

To clarify the timeline, the U.S. State Department said last week that the clock starts once Assad's representatives and opposition figures begin talks on a constitution. The vote would determine a new parliament, though not necessarily a new president.

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Syrian President Bashar Assad says the Russian air raids are more effective than those of the U.S.-led coalition because Moscow is collaborating effectively with his government.
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PRESIDENCY

Asked if he is going to run for president again if early elections are held, Assad said: "It is my right but it is early to say whether I will run or not." He added that "I will not say that I will not run if I see that this is needed."

UNITED STATES

'Do not succumb to fear': Obama

Trying to reassure a nation on edge, U.S. President Barack Obama said Sunday the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) "cannot strike a mortal blow" against the U.S. and warned that overreacting to the Paris attacks would play into extremists' hands. "We will destroy this terrorist organization," he vowed.

Ending a trip to Asia, Obama implored Americans not to let the spectre of terror cause them to compromise their values or change the way they live.

"We do not succumb to fear," he said. "The most powerful tool we have to fight ISIL is to say that we're not afraid, to not elevate them, to somehow buy into their fantasy that they're doing something important," Obama said.

> **The viciousness of a handful of killers does not stop the world from doing vital business.**
> U.S. President Barack Obama

U.S. President Barack Obama has vowed to "destroy" ISIL.
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"I think it is absolutely vital for every country, every leader, to send a signal that the viciousness of a handful of killers does not stop the world from doing vital business," Obama said.

Obama also said there was an "increasing awareness" by Russian President Vladimir Putin that ISIL is Moscow's gravest threat in the Middle East.

Putin "needs to go after the people who killed Russia's citizens," Obama said. The two met last week during an economic summit in Turkey.

As Obama spoke in the Malaysian capital, other Western leaders were stepping up their rhetoric against ISIL. French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said the West would "annihilate Islamic State worldwide."

After Obama's return to Washington early Monday, he will prepare for a White House meeting with French President Francois Hollande on Tuesday, where the leaders will discuss bolstering the international coalition fighting ISIL. Hollande then goes to Russia for similar talks with Putin.

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PARIS ATTACKS

Details on suspects revealed

French police and prosecutors, friends and families, and journalists have unveiled details about those accused of carrying out the attacks in Paris. Altogether, authorities say that three teams participated in the bloody assault. At least one suspected participant remains at large. Here's what's known about some of the suspects:

1 Abdelhamid Abaaoud

French investigators identified Belgian-born Abaaoud as the architect of the Paris attacks. A U.S. official said Abaaoud was a key figure in an Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) external operations cell that U.S. intelligence agencies have been tracking for months.

How and when Abaaoud entered France before his death remains unclear.

2 Salah Abdeslam

Salah Abdeslam is sought as a suspected accomplice in the attacks and is described by French police as highly dangerous. He is the suspected driver of a group of gunmen during the attacks. Authorities identified him as the renter of a Volkswagen Polo that carried hostage-takers to the Paris theatre.

Officials said Abdeslam entered Austria from Germany on Nov. 9 with two unidentified companions. They said they were planning a vacation in Vienna.

3 Hasna Aitboulahcen

Authorities are investigating whether the 26-year-old female had a role in the Paris attacks. Authorities say Aitboulahcen died in the police raid on the apartment where Abaaoud was holed up. On Friday, prosecutors said she didn't kill herself by detonating a suicide vest as previously thought.

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Soldiers stand guard in front of the central train station in Brussels on Sunday, as the Belgian capital remained on top alert over fears of a Paris-style attack.

EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Canadian embassy in Belgium closes doors

Paris

Police detain 16 people in 22 raids; one man still at large

Canada has closed its embassy in Brussels until further notice as the Belgian capital remains on high alert for a possible terror attack.

The embassy will provide emergency counsular services only, according to an update on the federal government's travel advisory website.

Belgian prosecutors announced early Monday that police had detained 16 people in 22 raids but that Paris fugitive Salah Abdeslam was not among them.

Federal prosecutor Eric Van Der Sypt said that "no firearms or explosives were discovered," in the raids — 19 in Brussels and three in Charleroi in the country's south. One of those detained was injured when a car he was in tried to ram police during an attempted getaway.

"The investigation continues," Van Der Sypt said.

The raids capped a tense day with hundreds of troops patrolling and authorities hunting for one or more suspected militants, the Belgian government chose Sunday to keep the capital on the highest state of alert into the start of the workweek to prevent a Paris-style attack.

Citing a "serious and imminent" threat, Prime Minister Charles Michel announced that schools and universities in Brussels will be closed Monday, with the subway remaining shut down, preventing a return to normal in the city that is also home to the European Union's main institutions.

> **The terror threat is wider than just that person.**
>
> Interior Minister Jan Jambon on Salah Abdeslam and additional suspects believed to be in the Brussels area

"We fear an attack like in Paris, with several individuals, perhaps in several places," Michel said after chairing a meeting of Belgium's National Security Council.

The decision to put Brussels on the highest alert came early Saturday as authorities frantically searched for Abdeslam, who is believed to have played a key role in the Nov. 13 attacks in France.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

When Belgian authorities asked people to stop commenting on ongoing police operations in social media to avoid tipping off suspects during Sunday's raids, people unexpectedly responded by tweeting cat pictures. The hashtag #BrusselsLockdown suddenly shifted from serious to humorous tweets, with a flood of pictures of cats holding their paws up as captured suspects and ignoring police warnings to stay away from windows.

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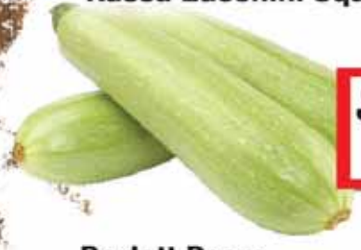

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Refugees wait to be allowed by the Macedonian police to cross the border to Macedonia, near the Greek village of Idomeni on Sunday. GIANNIS PAPANIKOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tensions rise in Macedonia

PROTESTS

Some countries say only 'war-zone refugees' will be allowed

Migrants barred from crossing the Greece-Macedonia border held a fourth day of protests Sunday, as Macedonia's president criticized the European Union over the refugee crisis for a lack of financial support and data sharing.

The influx of migrants into Macedonia has heightened tensions in the country, President Gjorgje Ivanov said.

"The risk of possible conflict between refugees and migrants, the migrants and police and army, and between migrants and local people is rated as high," Ivanov told reporters Sunday after meeting with visiting European Council president Donald Tusk in Macedonia's capital, Skopje.

Several European countries, including EU members Slovenia and Croatia and non-members Serbia and Macedonia, have declared they will only allow "war-zone refugees" from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria to transit through their countries on their way to central and northern Europe.

This policy has left many others stranded in the Greek border town of Idomeni for four days, demanding to be let in and chanting slogans such as "Freedom!" and "We are not terrorists."

On Sunday, an Iranian man threatened to cut his wrists with a razor if not allowed into Macedonia. Police intervened to disarm him, but, in the scuffle, he cut his face.

The number of migrants being barred from entering Macedonia fell significantly Sunday, from more than 2,000 to around 1,300 in the early evening.

Many of them took buses and taxis to Athens and Thessaloniki. Greek police believe they may be trying to find other routes, including with the help of smugglers.

Ivanov said that Macedonia has the capacity to shelter about 2,000 people in its temporary transit centres.

"Any increase in these numbers will increase permanent and direct threats and risks for the national security of Macedonia," he added.

A total of 6,000 refugees crossed into Macedonia from early Saturday through early Sunday, police say. About 500,000 refugees have transited through Macedonia in 2015.

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1,300

Number of migrants barred from entering Macedonia on Sunday.

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A police officer stands guard outside the Radisson Blu hotel in Bamako on Nov. 22. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Attack halts peace talks

MALI

Negotiations had shown promise in recent months

The assault on a luxury hotel in Mali's capital that killed 19 people was a clear attempt to derail a fragile peace process meant to stabilize the country's volatile north, a representative of northern separatist groups said Sunday.

Halting peace negotiations have been dragging on between the central government and northern separatist groups for more than two years in an effort to end the disputes that turned large sections of the country into a haven for radical Islamic militants.

The talks have shown some promise in recent months.

The Radisson Blu hotel attacked by two gunmen on Friday was preparing to host a meeting on implementing the latest accords.

"The attack was targeting the peace agreement," said Sidi Brahim Ould Sidati, a representative of the Coordination of Azawad Movements, known by its French acronym CMA.

The CMA is a coalition of groups seeking autonomy in northern Mali and includes ethnic Arabs and Tuaregs.

"The jihadis are in different groups but their goal is the same, and that's to hinder implementation of the peace accord," Sidati said.

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CANADIANS

Vancouver executives trapped in rooms

Two Vancouver businessmen hid silently in their rooms for seven hours as gunmen stormed their hotel in Mali, sending text messages describing the sounds of gunfire and grenades to horrified colleagues in Canada.

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WEST BANK

Israeli woman killed near Jerusalem

A young Israeli woman was stabbed to death by a Palestinian who was among three assailants to be shot dead following separate attacks Sunday, Israeli security forces said, with the latest flare-up of violence coming ahead of a visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

The 21-year-old Israeli woman was seriously wounded when a Palestinian attacked her with a knife in the West Bank Sunday afternoon before being shot and killed by soldiers nearby, the military said.

Dr. Ofer Merin of the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem said "the young woman was stabbed numerous times in the head, chest and the area of the heart."

He said despite attempts by medics to save her, she succumbed to her wounds.

The attack occurred at the Gush Etzion junction near Jerusalem, the scene of multiple Palestinian attacks against civilians and security forces over the past two months.

In an earlier attack, the military said a woman pulled out a knife at the entrance to a military base and began approaching civilians.

A local West Bank settler leader, Gershon Mesika, said he veered off the road and struck the woman with his vehicle.

A soldier then fired at her and killed her. The army did not say how close the woman had been to carrying out an attack.

Her father, Taha Qatanani, said his 16-year-old daughter went to school as usual in the morning and that he heard about her death two hours later.

"She talked about stabbing to her brother the day before but no one took her seriously. If she tried to stab she did what she wanted," he said.

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MYANMAR

Collapse near jade mine the latest in string

A landslide near a jade mine in northern Myanmar killed about 100 people, most of them villagers digging for green stones in a mountain of displaced earth, a witness and a community leader said Sunday. Many other people were missing.

The collapse occurred Saturday evening in the Kachin state community of Hpakant, said Brang Seng, a jade businessman, who watched as bodies were pulled from the debris and taken to a hospital morgue.

"People were crying," he said, adding that some lost loved ones when boulders and earth ripped down the slopes. "In some cases, entire families were lost."

Lamai Gum Ja, a community leader, said homes at the base of the mine dump had been flattened. An estimated 100 to 200 people were still missing, he said. Search and rescue teams wearing bright orange uniforms combed through the rubble Sunday for survivors.

Kachin, around 950 kilometres (600 miles) northeast of Yangon, Myanmar's biggest city, is home to some of the world's highest-quality jade.

The industry generated $31 billion last year alone, but its epicentre, Hpakant, remains poor, with dirt roads, blackouts and sky-high heroin addiction rates.

After Myanmar's former military rulers handed over power to a civilian government five years ago, resulting in the lifting of many Western sanctions, the already rapid pace of mining turned frenetic. No scrap of ground is left untouched. In the last year, dozens of small-scale miners have been maimed or lost their lives picking through tailing dumps. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mine workers carrying belongings Saturday after their homes were destroyed by a landslide in Phakant jade mine in Myanmar. ELEVEN MEDIA GROUP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EGYPT

Low election turnout reflects people's fears

Egyptians trickled into mostly empty polling centres Sunday in the second stage of parliamentary elections that will produce the country's first legislature since a chamber dominated by Islamists was dissolved in 2012.

Tens of thousands of troops and policemen were deployed to safeguard the vote, reflecting growing security concerns less than a month after a Russian airliner crashed in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 people on board.

Egyptians voted last month in 14 provinces, the vote's first phase, with a turnout of nearly 27 per cent — the lowest in any vote, except one for a toothless upper chamber in 2012, since the ouster of autocrat Hosni Mubarak in a 2011 popular uprising.

With street politics eradicated and restrictions placed on the public sphere, political apathy has become widespread. The next legislature is expected to be compliant, or at least dominated by lawmakers who support el-Sissi. The retired general has issued about 300 laws, including laws on the exercise of political rights and an anti-terrorism law that has placed restrictions on the media. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Bangladesh opposition leaders executed

Bangladesh executed two opposition leaders Sunday for war crimes during the country's 1971 independence war, despite concerns the case against them was flawed.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid, secretary general of the main Islamist party Jamaat-e-Islami, were hanged in the nation's capital, said Senior Jail Superintendent Mohammad Jahangir Kabir. A reporter was shot and wounded after covering the funeral of one of the men, though it was not clear who was responsible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BizUAS Corp. personnel demonstrate a **Cyberhawk octocopter drone for power-line inspections** at a hydroelectric generating site near Blenheim, N.Y., in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

U.S. utilities see drones' potential

TECHNOLOGY

Devices may be used to inspect towers, power lines

U.S. utilities see great potential in the use of remote-controlled drones to do the often-dangerous work of inspecting power lines and transmission towers, but strict regulations have so far slowed adoption of the technology.

The remote-controlled devices make the work of linemen safer, more efficient and less expensive, according to the Electric Power Research Institute, which last month put on a three-day workshop to help nearly a dozen utilities choose the best machines for the job. Miniature helicopter-like drones, some equipped with cameras and other sensors, demonstrated inspections of transmission lines at a hydroelectric plant in New York state.

"We want to start using drones next spring when the inspection season begins," said Alan Ettlinger, research and technology director for the New York Power Authority.

> **The main advantage we provide in small unmanned assets is safety.**
> Mark Sickling, chief pilot for Cyberhawk

Utilities spend millions of dollars inspecting power lines, which are often in hard-to-reach places. The industry has been interested in drones for years but has been slower than European companies to adopt the technology because of U.S. regulatory restrictions.

While hobbyists can fly drones without certification, the Federal Aviation Administration requires special certification for commercial users for safety reasons.

"The FAA is looking at how to revamp its requirements to make the technology more accessible to more companies," said Andrew Bordine, a Consumers Energy executive. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ONLINE

Many Canucks sharing passwords, even to bank accounts

Many Canadians with online passwords have shared their codes, even though Canucks are more paranoid than their global peers about cybercrime, according to a study by internet security company Norton.

Fully 86 per cent of Canadian respondents to the Norton Cyber Security Insights Report also said they are worried they'll be the victim of an online crime, compared to an average of 80 per cent among the 17 countries studied.

Cyber breaches are top-of-mind for many Canadians following a series of headline-grabbing hacks, including the Ashley Madison user leak, the theft of tax information from the Canada Revenue Agency and an epic hack of Target's credit-card database.

More than seven million Canadians lost a total $2 billion and nearly half a day's worth of time dealing with the fallout from cyber crime last year, said the report.

Credit-card fraud was the most commonly cited type of online crime, followed by unauthorized access to emails.

Many Canadians are sharing their passwords — even to their bank accounts, the report found. More than half said they have shared their email passwords, and 43 per cent said they have given out access to their social-media accounts. More than 25 per cent admitted to sharing their banking passwords.

"Twenty-nine per cent of Canadians are sharing their banking account log-in and password with people. That's crazy," said Kevin Haley, director of security response at Norton parent company Symantec.

"Once you get past money, email is the most risky because that's the key to every other log-in you have. So if I have your email, I have your password to anywhere I want to go." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

11%

Percentage of Canadians who said they felt completely in control of their online security

SOURCE: NORTON CYBER SECURITY INSIGHTS REPORT

FINANCE

Health care to top ministers' meeting

Finance Minister Bill Morneau THE CANADIAN PRESS

Even as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meets with premiers on Monday to discuss climate change and Syrian refugees, provincial finance ministers are already building a federal-provincial agenda of their own.

What's at the top of their list for a meeting with federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau expected next month? In recent interviews, one provincial finance minister after another pointed to the need to figure out how to pay for health care.

"It's probably the biggest issue for all of us," Alberta NDP Finance Minister Joe Ceci said.

The Liberal platform that propelled Trudeau to electoral victory in October has implications for many files in the provinces, and the finance ministers will have more than a few items to discuss.

The ministers say they hope to come away from the meeting with a better understanding of the election pledges. They'll be looking to Morneau to explain the implementation of Liberal promises such as infrastructure spending, taxation changes and public-pension enhancement.

But it's the federal promise of a new health-care accord that unites them, since there's nothing more central to fiscal health than figuring out a different way to control that sector's price tag. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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4% St. John's
3% Calgary
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WE ASKED Metro readers

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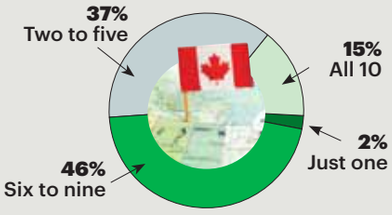

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Let's resolve to do right by refugees this time

KINGKADE'S CALGARY

Roger Kingkade

The last thing I want is to be the latest guy to write a column about bringing refugees to Canada. Well, this is a column about bringing refugees to Canada.

The discussions we've been having on this topic range from fascinating to pathetic. Strangely, there's something beyond the superficiality of it all that seems lost in the heat of the moment. When we're talking about resettling refugees in Canada, we're really talking about the kind of country we want to be.

Do we have the guts and the heart to help people who really need it, even if that means putting our back into it?

For so many, this issue is about the fear that some, or even one, of these people might be the next great terrorist who blows up some Canadian monument and brings our idyllic sense of Canadian safety to a bludgeoning halt. Of greater, more realistic, and far more rational concern is the economic dimension of the refugee situation. If Canada is ready and able to resettle these people, certainly all provinces are not equal. Resettle them where opportunity is abundant, not where hardship is the order of the day.

While we strain to define these refugees to suit our arguments, we are defining ourselves in vivid Technicolor. If safety is of genuine concern, it can be allayed by a full analysis of the information available on the process of vetting those who would come here. A little sound logic about the merits of using the refugee pipeline as the most direct route to cause havoc in the West could also be applied.

If rushing this decision and getting it wrong is a worry, calling out the government on arbitrary deadlines and quotas is all one must do to make a strong, valid point.

When the conversation turns to Canadian culture being threatened and "our way of life" bowing to accommodate those who would "have us killed," we must stiffen our collective backbone and resolve to win this time. We turned persecuted Jews away on the St. Louis during the First World War, sending many who were on the ship back to death camps in Europe.

It is an often cited example of a time Canadians forgot who we are and what we're about.

It's time to decide what type of Canadians we want to be. Will we rise up to combat the forces of hatred and intolerance with openness and compassion? Or will we nourish our insecurities by ignoring the best information available to us and fostering prejudice through arguments that don't stand up to reason?

It basically comes down to this: Do we have the guts and the heart to help people who really need it, even if that means putting our back into it? Or is there some private Idaho that needs higher walls built around it to ensure that nothing ever changes, even for the better?

Roger Kingkade co-hosts the Kingkade and Breakenridge show every weekday morning from 9 a.m. to noon on NewsTalk 770.

metroview

Terrorism doesn't just happen to people in "those places"

Michael Coren
For Metro

As I end my three weeks in Europe, I can't help reflecting on one particular issue: the hierarchy of suffering. Not merely because of its moral implications, but also because of what it says and then dictates about Western foreign policy.

While it is irresponsible and indeed cruel to downplay in any way the horrors that occurred in Paris — and I have a personal connection to the tragedy — we need to remember that massacres are hideously common, sometimes a weekly occurrence, in many parts of the world. Just the day before the French monstrosity, almost 50 people were killed in Beirut and four times as many badly wounded. Last month in Baghdad, 24 people were slaughtered and twice as many wounded. And just a few months ago at a university in Kenya, 147 young people were murdered.

In 2014 I wrote a book about terrorism in the developing world, and the scale and the crippling regularity of it all was often beyond comprehension. While it's facile to attribute our double standard to racism, it does expose a collective numbness that we have developed in the West. If we're honest about it, we simply assume that this is what happens in "those" places but not in Paris, London or, God forbid, Toronto or Montreal.

A different approach to "the other" might benefit all of us.

It's disturbing on many levels, but it's also plain wrong. Cities like Damascus and Beirut used to be safe and secure. I know the region and generally felt safer in Lebanon than much of the United States.

Paris, on the other hand, has witnessed grossly violent revolutions and upheavals for centuries. Religious mass murder in the 16th century, class warfare of incalculable proportions in the 1790s, bloody uprisings in 1830, 1848 and 1870, Nazi occupation in 1940 and colonial wars in the early 1960s.

So when Arabs and Africans offer sympathy for our pain but ask for some reciprocal concern, we should try to appreciate their sensitivities. To put in bluntly, in spite of what we might think, our lives are not more important than theirs.

And this, perhaps, lies at the heart of why we have a problem in the first place. Western foreign policy is of course based on self-interest, and that is entirely understandable, but it leads us to bomb and invade which in turn leads to anarchy and terrorism. I am not trying to justify even a tincture of ISIL's sadism, but I do believe that a different approach to "the other" might benefit all of us. To intelligently respond rather than viscerally react is not a sign of weakness, but of strength and wisdom.

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Financial planning for coinciding milestones

It is not uncommon for Canadians to find themselves in a financial trifecta — wedding, new home and starting a family — all within a few years. According to a recent TD survey, only four in 10 (39 per cent) of Canadians say they've properly budgeted or are properly budgeting for having their first child, while about half say they were or are financially prepared for buying a home (56 per cent) and marriage (51 per cent).

While budgeting and paying for these milestones can seem overwhelming, having a financial plan in place can help manage the financial impact of these significant life moments, whenever they occur.

Lee Bennett, senior vice president, TD Wealth Financial Planning, offers a few key tips on how to plan for life's big moments and your future:

- **Understand your goals:** Knowing the key goals you want to achieve in life is an important first step and will help you decide the best course of action. Think about what you want to accomplish over the next few years to help determine those goals.
- **Develop a roadmap:** To help ensure you are on the right track to reaching your goals, meet with a financial planner to create a plan that's unique to your situation. It's important to review it regularly, as your life changes, to help ensure you're factoring in new milestones.
- **Start saving early:** No amount is too small to put away – for example, making regular contributions in a TFSA will allow you to use the savings towards a wedding, new home or costs associated with a new baby.

Being financially prepared can allow you to better enjoy each and every moment of life's milestones — planned or unexpected.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR FINANCIAL PLANNER

Lee Bennett, senior vice president, TD Wealth Financial Planning, says it's important to ask yourself some key questions before you meet with a financial planner. Some questions to consider include:

1. How do I handle multiple milestones occurring at the same time?
2. Is it smarter to plan a wedding or buy a home first?
3. What costs should I factor in when contemplating buying a home?
4. How much do I need to save to comfortably enjoy a parental leave?

Savvy Saver Quiz:

Are my finances on track?

Whether you're a recent graduate, mid-career, or getting ready for retirement, every life stage requires financial planning. Not sure where to start? **Check out TD's Savvy Saver quiz** to help figure out where you are and where you need to be. Here are a few questions to get you started …

Expenses & finances

What does your emergency fund look like?

a. Emergency what?

b. I'm just getting started but have some money set aside.

c. In decent shape – I've got three months' salary stashed away.

d. I've got more than enough to pay my bills, save for the future and still manage to have some fun.

Leisure

What does your entertainment spending look like?

a. I'm living paycheque-to-paycheque because of my entertainment spending.

b. I sometimes go overboard with my entertainment spending.

c. A portion of my budget is set aside for fun – dinners out, the occasional movie or show.

d. I have enough money to do what I want, when I want and my wallet never loses any sleep over it.

Long-term investments

What types of investments do you currently have?

a. Investments?

b. I recently opened a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)/ an RSP and I'm thinking about getting other investments, too.

c. I make regular contributions to my TFSA and RSP and/or hold shares/other investments.

d. I have a solid, diverse portfolio to which I make healthy contributions every month.

Interested in getting more of a pulse check on your progress? Take the full quiz at **metronews.ca/tdsavvysaver**.

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Wilco frontman Jeff Tweedy penning 'funny, disarming and honest' memoir

Get to know this motley crew of Defenders

With the arrival of Marvel's Jessica Jones, the second moody superhero series to premiere on Netflix after Daredevil, Marvel's streaming universe is beginning to take shape. Four standalone superhero series will ultimately converge in The Defenders, a miniseries with Avengers-size ambitions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Daredevil

Last year, if you knew nothing about Daredevil, you knew it was an unfortunate Bennifer-era Ben Affleck movie. But when the series premiered on Netflix in April, the blind lawyer throwing punches in the street delivered all the gravitas and grit that fans of the comic demanded. "When I go to (comic-book) shows and I talk to my nerd friends, they are all loving it," says Kevin Polidano, a.k.a. comic-restorationist. "A lot of them say that Daredevil is the best comic-book adaptation they've seen yet." Season 2, premiering in 2016, will introduce another grizzled hero, The Punisher.

Luke Cage

There's no cutesy will-they-or-won't-they between Jessica and Luke Cage: they will-and-they-do in the first episode of Jones. Cage was the first African-American to get his own Marvel title in 1972, complete with jive-talkin' dialogue, his signature "Sweet Christmas!" as a curse word. "Luke Cage was a pure 100 per cent blaxploitation character," says Doug Simpson, manager of Toronto's Paradise Comics. "Big yellow puffy shirt, chain belt, afro." Romantic tension between Jessica and Luke ultimately lead to a super-wedding in the comics.

Iron Fist

Like Cage, Iron Fist was a product of the '70s. "(Marvel) wanted someone they could make kung-fu books about because kung-fu movies were popular," says Simpson. Hence the Tibetan monastery-trained martial arts expert with a chi-charged punch. Comic fans have questioned how Marvel and Netflix will balance Fist's mysticism with the realism of their other characters, but Polidano feels it would bring something original to the group. "All teams have their stock characters," he says. "You need your strongman, you need your scientist, you need the person who can fly, and you need the person who can tackle those mystical threats."

The Defenders

Don't expect this Defenders to resemble the Marvel team of Hulk, Sub-Mariner and Doctor Strange that launched in 1971. "They had increasingly more C-list heroes that would join up," says Cliff Caporale, program director at Ottawa Pop Expo, which took place over the weekend at Ottawa's EY Centre. "I don't have a story to tell for Valkyrie, let's say. She exists, let's use her in Defenders, and bring in these characters that don't necessarily belong together." Opposed to the government-sanctioned Avengers, Simpson calls the Defenders a "group of mismatched heroes who are dealing with crime at street level."

Are you a financial match with your mate?

Talk about financial challenges and aspirations before walking down the aisle. ISTOCK

COMPROMISE

Compatibility counts: You must agree on money goals

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

Opposites attract. Birds of a feather flock together. Are you and your mate like two peas in a pod or as different as chalk and cheese?

We can love a body without ever understanding what makes that body tick. Even couples who have been together for eons sometimes scratch their heads at some of the things their mates do. That's because we are evolving creatures constantly responding to the stimuli around us, constantly growing, constantly changing.

Since you're getting married — planning to spend a long, Long, LONG time together — it's important that you both understand how you think and feel about money. It's just as important that you figure out if you're a money match or a money mismatch.

Not feeling the same about money doesn't mean an automatic no-go. People who are less compatible do face more challenges. But those who subvert their own money personality to match their mate's are just asking for trouble. It can't last. And when your mate finds out you've been pretending, it's going to be a tough pill to swallow.

Coming up with a plan for how you'll manage your money means negotiating a common ground. Start by being upfront about who you are, how you feel about money, what's important to you and what isn't. Listen and accept the other person's open and frank discussions about what makes him or her tick.

Once you've got it all on the table, focus on working together to come up with a plan that keeps you both happy.

Money means different things to different people. When two people bring emotional baggage to a relationship — particularly the emotional baggage that surrounds money and that they never talk about — the relationship can turn into a power struggle and life can feel more like strife.

One of the easiest ways to start the conversation about money is by talking about what you're most comfortable with and what you feel is most risky. Since many money issues have a comfort/risk component, it's easy to move from a general discussion to a more specific money talk.

- How much money do you have to have in the bank to feel safe?
- Do you each know what your money set-points are?
- What kinds of investments do you feel are safe (for you) or risky?
- How much debt is too much debt?
- What kind of debt are you willing to take on?
- How much insurance is enough?
- If you have children, how will you keep those children safe financially?

As you get to know each other, you should be working to clarify each other's goals. If it's airy-fairy (I'd like to own a house), nail it down (what kind of house, where, when, how much house?).

You also need to talk about your different approaches to planning. For while one of you may be all spontaneity and impulse, the other may be a structure freak. Figure out what's important to you both so you can draw on each other's strengths to create a solid money match.

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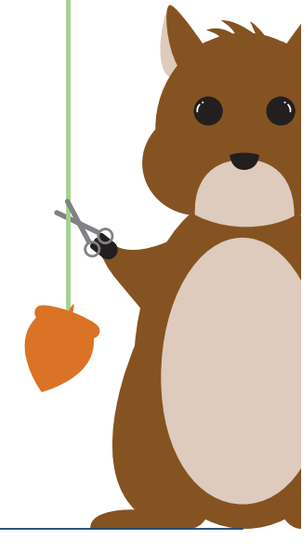

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Blood test for the faint-hearted

MEDICAL ADVANCES

UVic scientists develop blood test that only needs one drop

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The fear and light-headedness associated with blood testing may one day become a thing of the past.

Researchers at the University of Victoria have developed a method that can test for and measure 25 proteins found in the blood that are linked to certain cancers, cardiovascular issues and diabetes.

And all it takes is a pinprick on the finger and a single drop of blood dried on filter paper.

"We can do up to 25 different tests on the same drop of blood," said UVic biochemist Terry Pearson, who developed the technology with UVic adjunct professor and lifelong friend Leigh Anderson. "It's very difficult to do that with current (blood) tests, which are a bit awkward and has that fear factor associated with it."

A new test eliminates the need to withdraw large samples of blood. ISTOCK

Pearson and Anderson, who is based in Washington, D.C., have been developing the technology for 13 years and have launched a startup called SISCAPA Assay Technologies Inc. to bring it to life.

The technique is already being used by the Mayo Clinic and ARUP Labs in the U.S. to test for a protein associated with thyroid cancer.

The pair won the Human Proteome Organization's science and technology award and have also used the test to monitor biomarkers in athletes during the 2015 Pan Am Games and will do so again at the Olympics.

Pearson expects Canadian clinics may begin adopting the test for specific uses within the next two years.

Widespread use could follow.

Pearson said the test has many advantages over traditional blood tests that require samples to be drawn from patient's veins.

> **We can do up to 25 different tests on the same drop of blood.**
> Biochemist Terry Pearson

One of those advantages is more personalized care.

"You can do it at home and just put it in the mail. You can (test) daily, weekly, monthly, so it allows you to collect longitudinal samples over a period of time," he explained. "It establishes your baseline for a single protein, so if there's a change it sends up a flag."

Current blood samples are measured against the average of a patient's age group so results are not as specific.

"Having a personal baseline is much more advantageous," Pearson said.

The technology was developed with support from the Canary Foundation, National Cancer Institute, Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

IN BRIEF

Going back to college could boost cognitive capacity

An Australian study has found that older adults could reduce their risk of developing Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia by taking college courses to boost cognitive skills.

The study observed 359 participants aged between 50 to 79 years who completed at least a year of a part-time or full-time college course. Cognitive tests were taken before and after, with participants reassessed annually for the following three years. None of the participants had dementia.

The results, published by the American Psychological Association journal, showed that more than 90 per cent of participants who completed a course exhibited a significant increase in cognitive capacity, compared to 56 per cent of the control group participants who hadn't taken courses. "The study findings are exciting because they demonstrate that it's never too late to take action to maximize the cognitive capacity of your brain," said lead researcher Megan Lenehan. AFP

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TRENDS

Cineplex's seat reservations latest in luxe offerings

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

My favourite seat in a movie theatre is in the very back row, the area the Vaudevillians called the "peanut gallery." I can see the entire screen from up there and also stretch my long legs down the stairs.

I avoid the front row, as do most moviegoers, because I dislike the feeling of being jammed up against the screen, craning my neck and wobbling my head back and forth to see the action. It's my seating of last resort.

If I had my druthers, I'd rip out the first three rows of every theatre, so that you'd never wind up having to sit so close. This would free up space for people to move around, reducing the jams that occur at the end of screenings.

This would evidently not please a small but passionate group of people who prefer the front row, most of them much younger than my 59 years.

"You can tell the age of a theatregoer by where they sit in the auditorium," says Pat Marshall, vice-president of communications for Cineplex Entertainment, Canada's largest movie theatre chain.

"The younger they are, the closer they go to the screen. The older they get, the farther back they go. People truly have a different perspective. Some like centre-centre. Other people like to be on the aisle. Other people like to be up front, and other people way at the back. So it is very subjective."

There are also practical reasons why some moviegoers might prefer the front row. Say you're nearsighted and forgot your glasses at home. Or it's a premiere screening and you're hoping to be close to any talent who might show up.

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But some people really do just like the view better from down there. Front-row filmgoers have a champion in David Bordwell, the esteemed film scholar and professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He's 68, a notable exception to Marshall's maxim about youthful inhabitants of the row Bordwell calls the "raccoon lodge."

He extolled the front of the house in a 2011 online essay "Down in front! Notes from the Raccoon Lodge" that introduced a term to my movie lexicon: "saccadic sweeps."

That's what your head does as it scans from side to side to take in all the action. The wider the screen, the more Bordwell likes it: "CinemaScope and Cinerama give your eyeballs a real workout."

I'll skip the saccadic sweeps, thanks, and also the eye and neck strain that follows every occasion when I'm forced to sit in the front row, as I did for an IMAX showing of The Dark Knight Rises a few years back.

But I have to admit, from my lofty perch in the peanut gallery, that lately I have been casting covetous glances at the middle of the theatre. A new and more plush seat is being tested at theatres across Canada. They're in the two middle rows in select auditoriums where patrons can reserve online to guarantee a seat, for a $2-per-ticket surcharge. It's similar to paying for extra legroom on an aircraft.

It's called Cineplex Prime, the new name for an arrangement that used to be called Cineplex Select, when the seating experiment began last year. The name was recently changed because "we discovered it was confusing to people to read 'select your Select seat' on our website," Marshall says.

I expect it would also be confusing, not to mention frustrating, to encounter reserved seats in the middle of a movie theatre, a place thought of as an egalitarian preserve.

Marshall reminds me that Cineplex has long offered reserved or assigned seating in its VIP, IMAX and UltraAVX theatres. It also has four primary seat styles: traditional, VIP, UltraAVX and Prime, offering variations on space, comfort and swiveling, plus premium D-Box seats that move in time to the action.

The Prime seating concept, which is still considered very much an experiment, "is a result of the tremendously positive feedback we received from other concepts where we offer reserved seating," she says.

But people are still getting used to Prime seats, which tend to blend in with the non-reserved ones. People without Prime tickets sometimes have to be asked to move, Marshall says, but in our very Canadian way, there have been no reports of any serious confrontations. She adds that those who have tried Prime seem pleased with the comfort and also the convenience of a guaranteed centre seat for popular films like Spectre and The Martian.

If the experiment works, it may expand to more theatres amongst Cineplex's 162 locations across Canada. The per-theatre Prime allotment will remain a fraction of the available seats, however, so moviegoers with general admission tickets will still have lots of spots to choose from. "We have different seats because we're trying different things," Marshall says.

"We're always looking to provide the best experience possible."

SEATS, RECEIPTS

A guide to seating tiers at Cineplex's Toronto test markets

Traditional
- The standard plush seat, with no extras.
- Adult ticket: $12.99

Prime
- A step up in luxury, in a prime location, with reserved seating. Now being tested at the Varsity Cinemas.
- Adult ticket: $14.99

UltraAVX
- Roomy, reclining seats, combined with superior sound and a bigger screen.
- Adult ticket: $15.99

VIP
- The most luxurious seating option, with leaning leather loungers equipped with mini-tables for the in-seat dining service.
- Adult ticket: $19.99

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

The evil of banality is addictive TV

VANDERPUMP RULES, SEASON 2, EPISODE 5 (SLICE)

In this reality show about glossy people who work at the L.A. restaurant Sur, waitresses Stassi and Kristen are choosing an outfit for Kristen's passport photo. Kristen's grooming is — well, picture makeup that would look overdone at the Oscars, and then double it.

"I'm 30 years old and I've never had a passport," Kristen uptalks. "It's crucial that this is the best photo ever taken."

Stassi's phone rings. It's Jax, their bartender colleague.

He's in the hospital; he found a lump in his immaculately muscled chest.

"You're there alone? That is so sad," Stassi says.

She hangs up. She and Kristen stare at one another. Then they return to choosing clothes.

This series is nothing but such moments, a shiny showcase for the evil of banality.

Sur isn't merely a restaurant owned by the frozen-faced Lisa Vanderpump, a Real Housewife of Los Angeles.

It's the portal to Hell, and its employees have crawled up to embody the deadly sins Vanity and Stupidity.

The women of Vanderpump Rules are all slight variations on Bad Barbie. HANDOUT

Their commitment to hideous behavior is addictively fascinating.

The men are forever stripping off their shirts for the handlebar cams mounted on their bicycles; when they're not shit-disturbing, they're inventing shit to disturb.

The women — all (slight) variations on Bad Barbie — are worse; in episode 209, two of them bray, "No, you shut the f— up" at one another for several minutes.

This is what it looks like when everyone gets to be famous for 15 minutes, and it isn't pretty. s Even with all that grooming.

OLD FLAMES

Bieber serenades Gomez with My Girl

Just when she thought she was out, he pulls her back in. Justin Bieber was spotted out at the bar at the Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills this weekend with none other than ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez — who just wrapped up an extended press tour filled with interviews about how she's finally moving on from their tumultuous relationship.

But perhaps talking about it so much got her back into the idea.

Or maybe it's Bieber's seduction techniques: An eyewitness spotted Bieber serenading Gomez with My Girl at their table — and shared video on Instagram.

Ew, gross.

Also, why was there a piano player and a mic at the ready for his impromptu performance?

And another also: Great. Now Bieber has ruined My Girl for me — both the song and the Anna Chlumsky movie. Sheesh.

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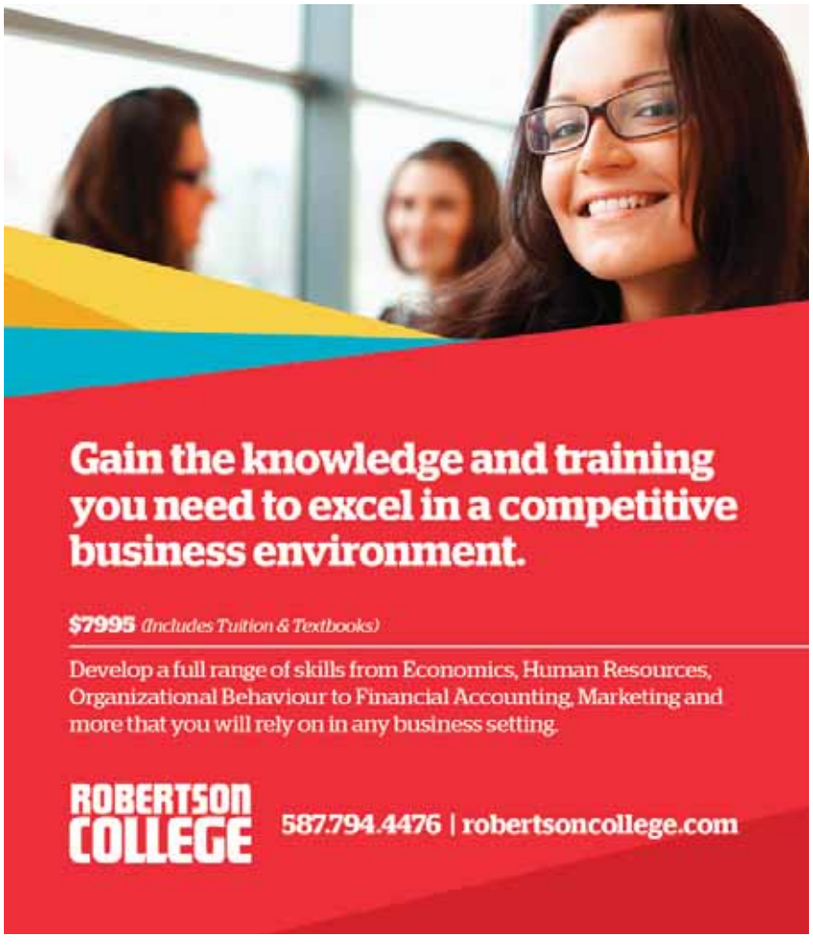
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COUPLES

Sofia Vergara ties the knot

After a year of what feels like an unprecedented number of celebrity divorces, finally some new from the other end of the relationship spectrum: Modern Family star Sofia Vergara and actor and director Joe Mangianello have gone and done what they've been threatening to do all year — get married.

The very tall, very attractive couple tied the knot at the Breakers Palm Beach Resort in Florida Sunday afternoon following a lavish weekend of festivities, according to CNN.

Vergara and Mangianello got engaged almost a year ago in December after six months of dating, so this is some impressive swiftness.

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GOSSIP DYNAMIC DUOS AND POSSIBLE SPLITS

JLaw and Adele hanging out again

Adele was spotted getting some quality hang-out time in with Jennifer Lawrence and her Hunger Games guys Liam Hemsworth and Josh Hutcherson this weekend at New York's Waverly Inn — which is still, apparently, a thing.

This team-up is not unprecedented. Perhaps you don't remember back in January when the two ladies made a drunken scene throwing olives at people at a restaurant in L.A.?

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Kylie Jenner maybe dumped Tyga

The big talk around the Kardashian junior varsity locker-room this weekend was that Kylie Jenner had abruptly dumped Tyga — and on his 26th birthday, no less. It all apparently went down after "something Tyga did" caused Jenner to ditch him upon her return from Australia last week.

"They are on a break," a source tells E! News. "They were just a week or so ago talking about 'ever after' and things got messy this past week. Kylie wants time to just be herself and do her."

But! Maybe not so fast, as later Jenner posted a Snapchat of the two lying together — or their legs, at least — with the caption, "Everyone needs to chill." NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

A child's intro to the kitchen

SWEET SUCCESS

Recipe gives boy first taste of cooking

Jennifer Friesen

What started as an experiment from a Sesame Street book has become a life-long tradition for Julie Van Rosendaal.

Laughing, the Calgary food writer remembers coming home to the smell of freshly baked cookies, saddling up at the kitchen table with her sisters and turning sugar cookies into canvases.

"Coming home after school in the winter and smelling something baking…it's the best," she said. "It's always worth making the dough."

The Sesame Street book was filled with a multitude of kid-friendly recipes, including the painted sugar cookies — but the sugar cookies stuck.

Using only egg yolks and food colouring, Van Rosendaal's mom would make paint for her daughters to decorate the cookies, and, now, the tradition's been passed on to the next generation.

"(My son) started making the cookies when he was a toddler, as soon as he was old enough to hold a paintbrush," said Van Rosendaal. "Because you don't have to be a great painter, you can just scribble all over them and they still taste just as good."

Her son, Willem, is now 10, but still loves having his friends over during the holidays to paint sugar cookies. Taking on the same stance as his mom and aunts before him, he gathers around the table with his friends, paintbrushes in hand, ready to make a masterpiece.

"I just love having the kitchen table full of kids painting cookies," said Van Rosendaal.

"All kids want to do right now is go on their electronics, or the iPad, or whatever. But if you have cookie dough, a rolling pin and some cookie cutters, it doesn't matter how old they are, they still love it."

A FEW TIPS

1. "Chill the dough for a bit to make it firm up a little bit. It's easier to paint."
2. "Flavour them however you want – you can put lemon, vanilla, cinnamon or peppermint extract."
3. "Roll the dough out and put the cookies on a parchment-lined baking sheet before you paint them. Then you don't have to transfer them from the counter."

Willem Van Rosendaal, 10, and his mom, Julie, prepare a batch of painted sugar cookies at their home on last week.
JENNIFER FRIESEN

SESAME STREET SUGAR COOKIES

INGREDIENTS

Cookie dough:
1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
3/4 cup sugar
1 large egg
2 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt

Cookie paint:
1 egg yolk
A few drops food colouring

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large bowl, beat the butter, sugar and some lemon zest with an electric mixer until pale and light; add the egg and vanilla and beat for a minute, until smooth and well blended.
2. In a small bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add to the sugar mixture and stir by hand or beat on low speed just until you have a soft dough. Shape the dough into a disc, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for half an hour.
3. Preheat the oven to 350°F. On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough out about 1/8-inch thick. Cut cookies into shapes and place an inch apart on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
4. In a small dish, add a few drops of food colouring to the egg yolk and mix with a fork until well-blended. Use a paintbrush to paint the unbaked cookies.
5. Bake for 12-14 minutes, until the cookies are a pale gold around the edges and the paint is dry and glossy. Using a thin spatula, transfer to a wire rack to cool.

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According to reports, Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas will miss six weeks after fracturing his left hand on Friday night

Eskimos looking like champs

CFL PLAYOFFS

Edmonton's QB lays a Reilly good licking on Stamps

Edmonton Eskimos quarterback Mike Reilly shredded the Calgary Stampeders in the CFL West Final Sunday, punching his team's ticket to the Grey Cup for the first time in a decade.

Reilly threw for three touchdowns and ran in two more as the Eskimos defeated their southern Alberta rivals 45-31 in front of 34,414 fans at Commonwealth Stadium.

WEST DIVISION FINAL

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The Eskimos will play the Ottawa Redblacks next Sunday at Investors Group Field in Winnipeg in the 103rd Grey Cup.

"We got one more to go and that's the ultimate goal," said Reilly.

The Redblacks defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 35-28 in the East Division Final earlier Sunday.

The last time an Ottawa team was in the Grey Cup was 1981, when the Rough Riders lost to the Eskimos 26-23.

"It was execution," said Reilly, talking on the field after the game as fans chanted his name.

"We weren't giving up the big play defensively, and we were marching down the field and not taking penalties and not turning over the ball offensively.

"We slowed down a bit in the fourth quarter ... but we played enough for three that it didn't matter."

It's a bit of revenge for the Eskimos, and Reilly, the 30-year-old from Kennewick, Wash., now in his third season as Edmonton's starting QB.

Due to a broken foot and other injuries, Reilly saw limited action in last year's West Final, which saw the Stampeders rout the Eskimos 43-18 at McMahon Stadium en route to a Grey Cup championship.

Reilly missed almost half the regular season due to torn knee ligaments, but came back to lead the Eskimos to nine consecutive wins, including Sunday's victory.

The first half saw the Eskimos defence bend but not break as the Stampeders used tailback Jerome Messam either running the ball or on play action to move the ball on Edmonton's notoriously stingy defence.

Four times Calgary quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell drove the offence down the field only to have the drives stall. Rene Paredes kicked four field goals of 44, 16, 48 and 10 yards.

He added a 49-yard field goal in the third quarter in a lost cause for Calgary.

The Eskimos opened the scoring after Mathieu Boulay forced Stampeders kick returner Skye Dawson to fumble a Grant Shaw punt five minutes into the game.

Four plays later Reilly ran up the middle from the one yard line. A two-point convert made it 8-0.

The Eskimos added their second major late in the second quarter on a 15-yard pass from Reilly to Bowman as the Stampeders defence seemed to tire.

Reilly hit Bowman on a crossing pattern just inside the five. Bowman outraced the defender to the pylon for the score.

Sean Whyte added field goals of 32 yards and 17 yards to round out the Eskimos' first-half scoring.

In the second half, Edmonton took control of the game for good.

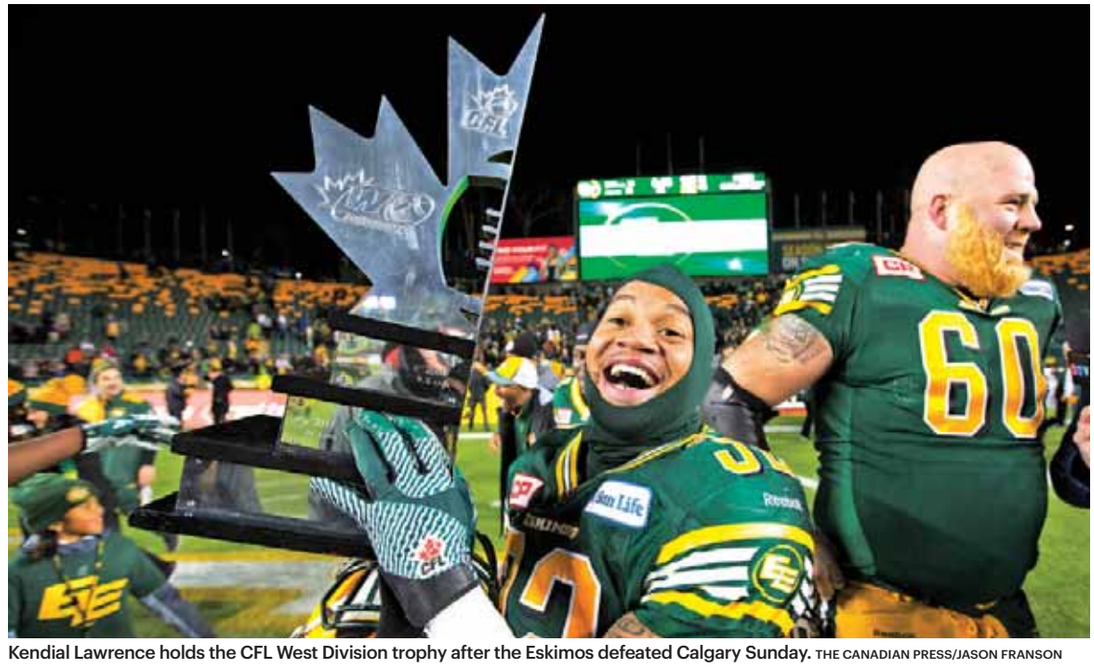
Reilly hooked up with slotback Kenny Stafford on a 33-yard pass-and-run play barely three minutes into the third quarter to make the score 28-12.

Whyte added a 31-yard field goal to up the lead to 31-12.

Reilly then put the final nail in the Stamps' coffin on the first play of the fourth quarter, hitting wide receiver Derel Walker in stride over the top for a 57-yard touchdown to make the score 38-15.

The Eskimos got the ball right back on an interception by linebacker Dexter McCoil. Four plays later, with more than 11 minutes left in the game, Reilly faked a pass and scrambled eight yards up the middle to make it 45-15.

Calgary fought back with two late touchdown passes from Mitchell to Eric Rogers and Joe West. Both were followed by successful two-point conversions. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Kendial Lawrence holds the CFL West Division trophy after the Eskimos defeated Calgary Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JASON FRANSON

Henry Burris celebrates the Redblacks' victory over Hamilton in the eastern final Sunday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

34-year drought is over: Ottawa in Cup

A lot of things have happened since the last time a team from Ottawa made an appearance in the Grey Cup including the birth of every player on the Redblacks, save one.

"I bet I know who that is," said Redblacks receiver Brad Sinopoli, who played quarterback for the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees, playing on the same field the Redblacks beat the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 35-28 Sunday to earn a trip to Winnipeg and the 103rd Grey Cup.

Henry Burris, who was six when the Ottawa Rough Riders fell 26-23 to the Edmonton Eskimos in the 1981 Grey Cup,

EAST DIVISION FINAL

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had a career year for the Redblacks setting multiple personal and league records at age 40.

"It's an honour for us to be able to deliver this and to see the excitement from the fans," said Burris. "To see the support we've been getting all year long, we have the best fan support in the league. Even last year when we had our struggles the stands were always sold out. Today was extra special."

Burris connected with Greg Ellingson for a 93-yard catch and run touchdown to give the Redblacks a 35-28 lead with under two minutes to go.

Ellingson was born seven years after the Ottawa Rough Riders' last Grey Cup appearance. On Sunday he had five catches for 187 yards and the biggest touchdown of his career.

"It's been a career year for him. He's 40 years old and it's one of the best seasons he's ever had," said Ellingson of Burris.

It's been 34 years since that Grey Cup appearance. Redblacks coach Rick Campbell watched that game on television from his home in Edmonton as his father, Hugh Campbell, coached the Eskimos to the win despite trailing 20-1 at the half.

"I was only 10 and I'll be rooting for the Ottawa team this time. I wasn't last time but I will be this time," Campbell said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newton catches fire with 5 TDs

NFL

Panthers put claws to 'Skins, push perfect record to 10-0

Cam Newton has never liked being referred to as a running quarterback.

"I have labelled myself as a pocket passer with the ability to run," Newton said.

Newton proved again he can beat teams with his arm, throwing a career-high five touchdown passes on Sunday and the Carolina Panthers improved to 10-0 with a dominating 44-16 win over the Washington Redskins.

Newton completed 21 of 34 passes for 246 yards and threw TD passes to five different receivers as Carolina stretched its regular-season win streak to 14 games, including eight straight at home.

The Panthers opened a four-game lead in the NFC South over Atlanta and became the 16th team in the Super Bowl era to start 10-0.

Of the previous 15, all made the playoffs and nine have advanced to the Super Bowl, with six winning it all.

All of that matters little to tight end Greg Olsen.

"They don't give out trophies for the regular season," Olsen said.

Carolina's defence was dominant. They forced five turnovers leading to 27 points, had five sacks of Kirk Cousins and established a franchise record by holding the Redskins to 14 yards rushing on 12 carries.

"Between the fumbles and the picks, we had a couple short fields," Olsen said. "You've got to take advantage of them. We didn't sit on them. I know we scored a lot of touchdowns, and that's obviously what you're looking for."

Newton became the first Carolina quarterback in franchise history to throw four TD passes in the first half as the Panthers jumped out to a 31-14 lead.

Jonathan Stewart ran for 102 yards on 21 carries and caught a 12-yard touchdown pass. Olsen, Mike Tolbert, Ted Ginn Jr. and Devin Funchess also caught TD passes.

With a game on Thursday at Dallas, Rivera removed most of his starters early in the fourth quarter with his team up 44-14.

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Tony Romo
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IN MIAMI

Romo's return spurs Cowboys comeback win

Tony Romo pulled off his latest comeback victory, returning from a collarbone injury Sunday to throw for two scores, and the Dallas Cowboys won for the first time since he was hurt in Week 2, beating the Miami Dolphins 24-14. The Cowboys (3-7) had lost seven straight games.

Each of Cam Newton's touchdown passes on Sunday were thrown to a different receiver.
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IN BRIEF

Kyle Busch captures checkered flag, Sprint Cup

Kyle Busch opened the season in a hospital bed and ended it in victory lane with the championship trophy.

Busch completed the ultimate comeback by winning the season finale Sunday night at Homestead-Miami Speedway-night and claiming his first career Sprint Cup title just nine months after a serious crash that nearly ended his season.

In the last race of his storied career, Jeff Gordon placed sixth.

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Year-end LPGA event crowns three champions

Cristie Kerr won the tournament. Lydia Ko won $1 million and became the player of the year. Inbee Park won the scoring title and is going to the LPGA's Hall of Fame.

With a 17-under 271, Kerr won the CME Group Tour Championship on Sunday, while Ko tied for seventh — good enough to win the "Race to CME Globe" bonus for the second straight year. Park finished the tourney in sixth.

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TENNIS

Djokovic finishes season in style

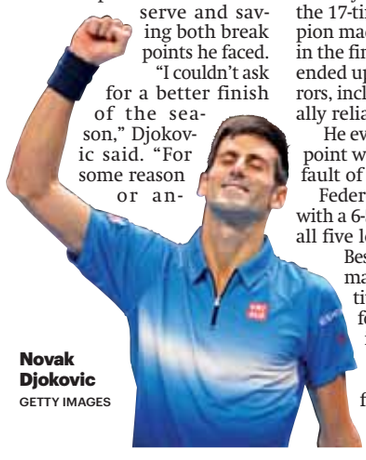
As usual this season, Novak Djokovic was the best player on the court.

The top-ranked Serb won his fourth straight title at the season-ending ATP finals on Sunday by beating six-time champion Roger Federer 6-3, 6-4.

Djokovic, who won three Grand Slam titles this year and reached the final in the other, capped the best season of his career with another superb display, including winning 16 of the 19 points on his second serve and saving both break points he faced.

"Obviously it's been a very long season, but the best of my life."
Novak Djokovic

"I couldn't ask for a better finish of the season," Djokovic said. "For some reason or another, I've been playing some of my best tennis after the U.S. Open, in Asia and also indoors, both Paris and London."



Novak Djokovic
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Federer beat Djokovic on Tuesday in the group stage, but the 17-time Grand Slam champion made too many mistakes in the final on Sunday. Federer ended up with 31 unforced errors, including 15 from his usually reliable forehand.

He even gave away the final point with his second double-fault of the match.

Federer finishes his season with a 6-5 record in finals, with all five losses to Djokovic.

Besides becoming the first man to win four straight titles at the tournament for the top eight players in the world, Djokovic also will finish the season at the No. 1 player for the fourth time in five years.

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RECIPE Sweet Potato and Kale Hash with Fried Eggs

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Prep time: 40 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 3 cups sweet potato dice
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp minced fresh rosemary
- Salt and pepper
- 3 Tbsps butter, plus extra for eggs
- 1 shallot, diced
- 2 sprigs thyme
- 1 cup frozen chopped kale
- 4 eggs

Directions
1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Blanche sweet potato cubes for 2 minutes. Then drain and rinse under cold water. Drain well. Place the potatoes in a medium bowl and add maple syrup, rosemary and salt and pepper. Toss. Refrigerate for about 15 minutes.
2. Heat a large frying pan over medium heat and add butter and shallots. Just as the shallots soften, add sweet potato and any liquid that's collected at the bottom of the bowl as well as the sprigs of thyme. Sauté over medium-high heat for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sweet potatoes should be a crisp, toasty brown. Add kale to the pan and gently mix it into the potatoes. Cook for about 3 to 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, heat another large frying pan over medium heat. Melt a pat of butter and then slowly crack all four eggs into it. Just let the eggs sit. Allow the eggs to cook until the whites are set and the edges start to curl up. If the whites in the middle of the eggs are not set, cover the pan for 2 minutes. Serve a hearty scoop of hash with a fried egg on top.

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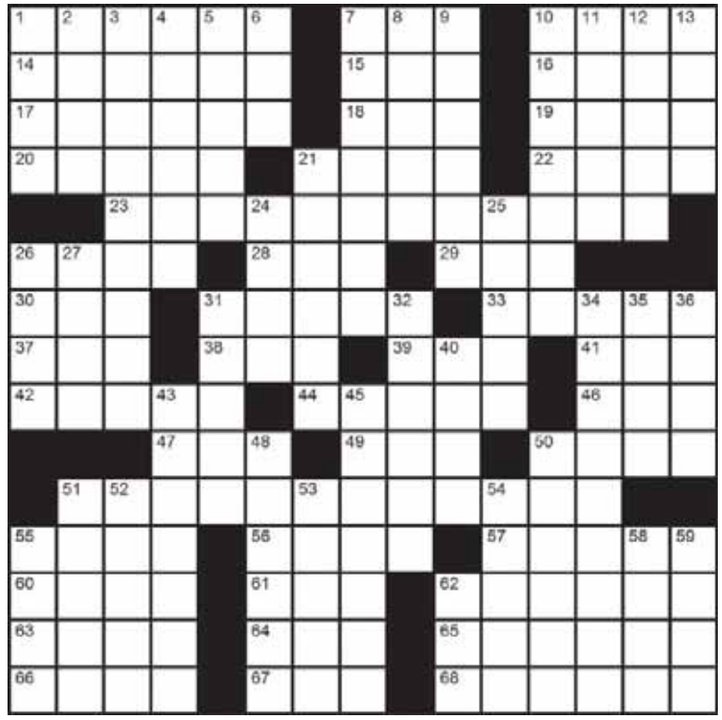

ACROSS
1. "Convoy": 1976 hit for C.W. _
7. Looked-at comp. part
10. Illegally aid
14. "Lawrence of _" (1962)
15. Prospector's find
16. Fun set
17. Tears For Fears singer Mr. Orzabal
18. Point
19. Bouncy-less
20. Astronomer's realm
21. _ butter (Beauty cream stuff)
22. Cycled
23. Canadian channel BNN = _ _ Network
26. Amateurs one day
28. _ es Salaam, Tanzania
29. Little bit
30. Traveller's time delay
31. Buenos _ (Capital of Argentina)
33. Madonna hit
37. Prefix meaning 'Egg'
38. Internet chuckle
39. Hot drink in a Montreal restaurant
41. Bitty badges
42. _ of cake (Easy)
44. _-paced (Slow)
46. Half of Dave Grohl's band
47. 'Outer'-meaning prefix
49. _ painting
50. RR depots
51. Highly decorated Canadian fighter pilot of Word War II who died mysteriously in a plane crash at age 26 in 1948: 2 wds.
55. Collector's suffix
56. Labels
57. Jack _, Kiefer Sutherland's "24" role
60. _ Flon, Manitoba
61. Lettered sun ray
62. Have ambitions
63. Bruce Springsteen's "_ _ Fire"
64. Arrange
65. Show the client the way to the conference room: 2 wds.
66. Ms. Daly
67. Mr. Asner's
68. Aim

DOWN
1. Red Planet
2. Farm yield
3. _ Peaks Resort (Skiing destination about an hour from Ottawa)
4. Calculating machine
5. What an actor memorizes
6. Chap
7. "How do ya like that?": 2 wds.
8. Boo-hoo-hoos
9. Meal
10. Fettuccine _ (Rich pasta dish)
11. Under
12. "Blimey!"
13. Books bag
21. Fido's fearsome frowns
24. Prefix to 'syncrasy' (Mannerism)
25. Variety of orange
26. Sound in the Alka-Seltzer song
27. Sitarist Mr. Shankar
31. Canadian singer/actress Ms. Johnson
32. House level separators
34. It gives suggestions for Christmas shopping: 2 wds.
35. Japanese cuisine noodle
36. Those, in Spanish
40. Parliament _
43. French painter of The Card Players, Paul _ (b.1839 - d.1906)
45. Fillings in Snickers chocolate bars
48. Between 90 and 180 degrees, as per angles
50. Get short with: 2 wds.
51. Mild, as weather
52. Actress, Gabrielle _
53. Having a roof overhang
54. Henrik _ (A Doll's House playwright)
55. "_ _ ain't broke..."
58. Dublin's poetic land
59. Broadway musical
62. Ms. Landry

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Keep your opinions to yourself over the next few days. If you say the wrong thing you could make an enemy. Don't make things unnecessarily difficult for yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Be careful who you rely on because there is a lot at stake. If a partner or co-worker makes a mistake don't let employers or other important people put the blame on you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is generally a positive time for you but you still need to be cautious. Be especially wary of people who flatter because they are obviously looking to help themselves in some way — at your expense, of course.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Try to be more serious about what you own and what you earn, but not so serious that you forget about everything else. Dollars and cents are important, but only as a means to an end, not as an end in itself.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Why are people so demanding? Why do they expect so much? Maybe because of your high standards they think you can do anything. Or maybe they can get away with making outrageous demands. Don't let them.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you start something new today it is unlikely to work out well, so put it off and focus on making the best of what you are already working on.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If the atmosphere in a relationship has been heavy you have the chance to improve things today. No matter what they have said or done put that behind you and focus on the simple things that make your bond work.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Speak up now or forever hold your peace. If you have something to say — or complain about — you must get it off of your chest immediately. Later in the week no one will listen.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You won't make an anxiety-ridden situation better by worrying. Identify exactly what the problem is, then come up with a plan to take care of it. It's not as bad as you fear.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Put memories and regrets behind you and make the best of what you have got. You're a Capricorn, you're supposed to be courageous and confident.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
What happens today will remind you that material matters are of secondary importance. What gives life its value is how you relate to other people. Try to see the best in everyone.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't take on any new commitments today. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart means you won't lack for opportunities but you need to be patient.

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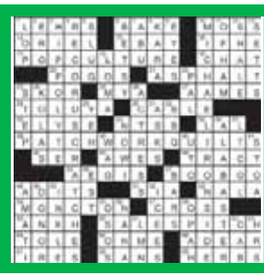

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Applicable taxes calculated before CAD$1,000 offer is deducted. ^Receive a winter safety package which includes: four (4) winter tires, four (4) steel wheels, and four (4) tire pressure monitoring sensors when you purchase or lease any new 2015/2016 Ford Fiesta, Focus, Fusion, C-MAX, Escape, Edge (excluding Sport) or Explorer between October 1, 2015 and November 30, 2015. This offer is not applicable to any Fleet (other than small fleets with an eligible FIN) or Government customers and not combinable with CPA, GPC, CFIP or Daily Rental Allowances. Vehicle handling characteristics, tire load index and speed rating may not be the same as factory supplied all-season tires. Winter tires are meant to be operated during winter conditions and may require a higher cold inflation pressure than all-season tires. Consult your Ford of Canada Dealer for details including applicable warranty coverage. Some conditions apply. See Dealer for details. ©2015 Sirius Canada Inc. 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